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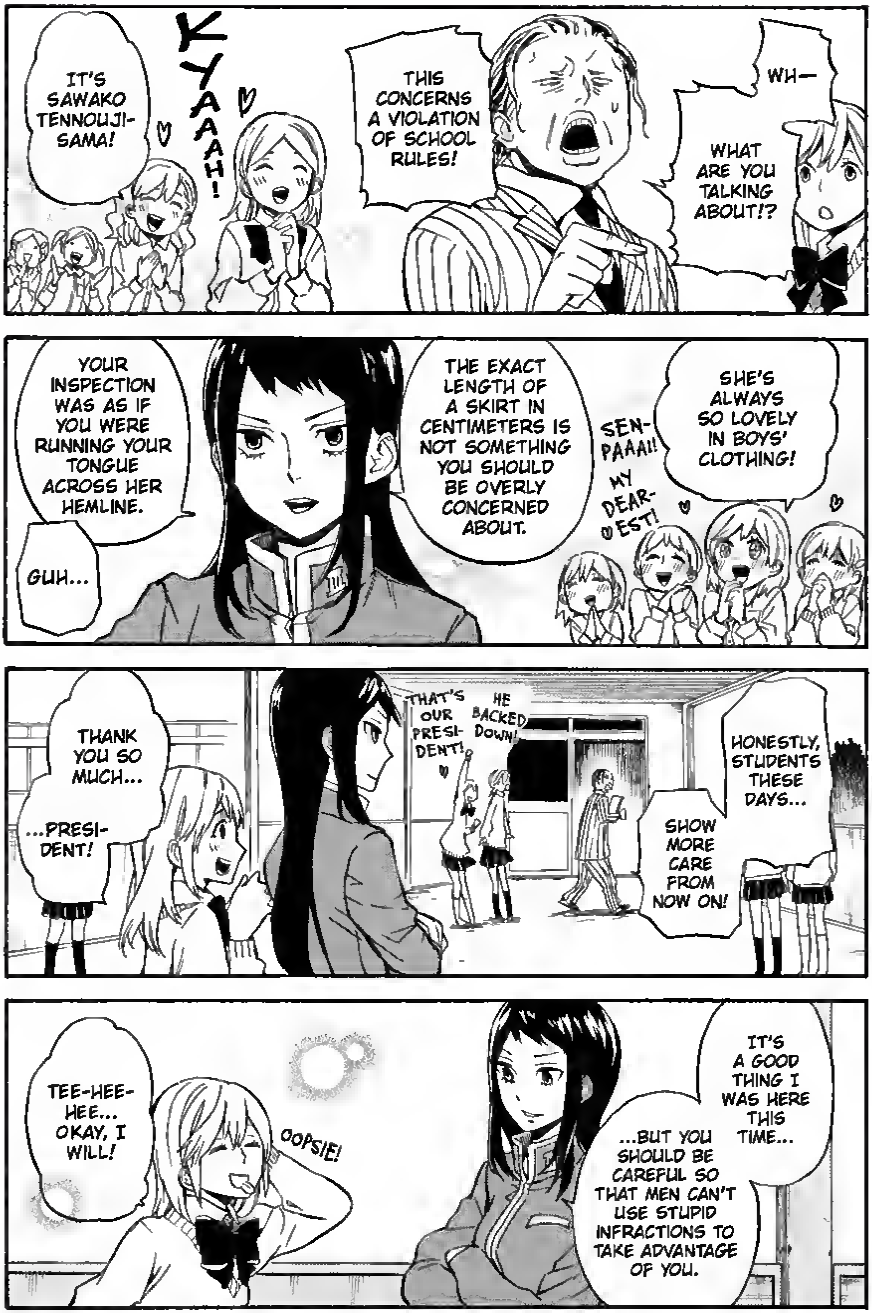
THEY WERE ALL DIRTY AND STINKY MEANIES.
YOU CAN ALWAYS SMELL HER COMING!
HEY, IT'S SEWERKO!
I'VE HATED BOYS FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
AND I SET OUT TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH MY OWN HANDS...
TOO BAD! SO SAD! SEWERKO'S MAD!
DON'T CALL ME "SEWERKO"!
"I'M NOT LOSING TO THOSE JERKS!"
IN MY HEART, I MADE THIS VOW—
HEY, YOU! ISN'T YOUR SKIRT A LITTLE SHORT!?
I'D START BY REFORMING MY SCHOOL...
...INTO ONE WHERE WOMEN HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
VICE PRINCI-PAL!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING "OLD MAN"!?
KYAH!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT, OLD MAN!?

WOULDN'T YOUR CURRENT BEHAVIOR QUALIFY AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
...AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.


IT'S SAWAKO TENNOUJI-SAMA!
KYAAAH!
THIS CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULES!
WH—
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
YOUR INSPECTION WAS AS IF YOU WERE RUNNING YOUR TONGUE ACROSS HER HEMLINE.
GUH...
THE EXACT LENGTH OF A SKIRT IN CENTIMETERS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT.
SEN-PAAAI!
MY DEAR-EST!
SHE'S ALWAYS SO LOVELY IN BOYS' CLOTHING!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
...PRESI-DENT!
THAT'S OUR PRESI-DENT!
HE BACKED DOWN!
HONESTLY, STUDENTS THESE DAYS...
SHOW MORE CARE FROM NOW ON!
TEE-HEE-HEE... OKAY, I WILL!
OOPSIE!
...BUT YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL SO THAT MEN CAN'T USE STUPID INFRACTIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU.
IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS HERE THIS TIME...

HEH HEH...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SUCH NICE GIRLS.
...TO GIVE HER THAT STUFF!
NOW, NOW! WAIT UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL...
AND I KNITTED YOU A SCARF!
PRESIDENT, I BAKED YOU COOKIES!
THIS SCHOOL WILL SURELY BECOME A PARADISE FOR PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.
THE MASCULINE ERA IS LONG PAST.
YOU'RE GROSS!
URGH!
WHY IS A GORILLA LIKE YOU THE VICE PRESIDENT!?
GOKA (WHAP)
DOSU! (DOW)
AH!
IN THE NAME OF THIS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENCY —
THIS CHILL IN THE AIR...

SHIRT: HIGASHINO
東野
IT'S... SEI HANDA!!!

...BUT IT'S THIS YEAR THAT HE'S FINALLY REARED HIS HEAD...
I'D NOTED HIM WHEN HE WAS A FIRST-YEAR...
...AS ONE OF MY ENEMIES —
MEN!
SO HE'S EVEN BUILDING AN ARMY...
HIS FOLLOWERS ARE A WHO'S WHO OF SECOND-YEAR MOVERS AND SHAKERS.
SA (ZIP)
PA (WHOOSH)
SHU (LEAP)
PA (HUH?)
GROUP STALKING
DID I JUST PASS A GIRL WEARING A BOY'S UNIFORM?
?

HE'S SO PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND BEAUTIFUL!
HIS AURA'S REALLY SOME-THING TODAY TOO!
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND
BUT ISN'T IT BETTER TO DRESS NEATLY?
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE MADE MY SKIRT EVEN SHORTER...
OH NO!
ONE OF YOUR FALSE LASHES IS LOOSE.
DOES MY MAKEUP LOOK OKAY TO YOU?
HANDA JUST WALKED PAST, AND YET...
HEY, HE'S NOT LOOKING AT YOUR LEGS!
DOES MY HAIR LOOK OKAY TO YOU?
WHAT...IS THIS...?
KAAAA (BLUSH)
OH, DEAR ME!
...ARE ACTING LIKE MANDRILLS IN HEAT!?
...THESE GIRLS...

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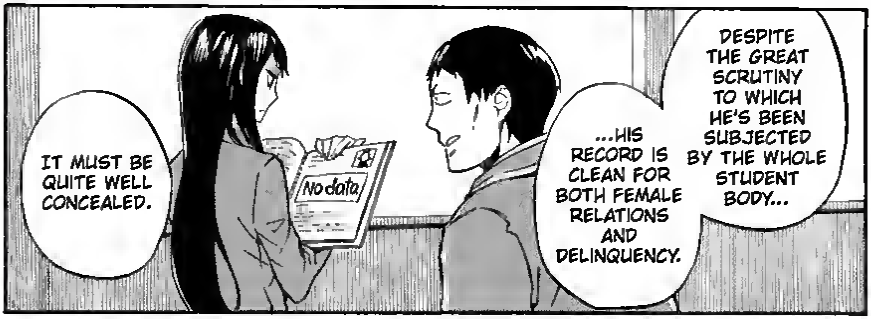
IT MUST BE QUITE WELL CONCEALED.
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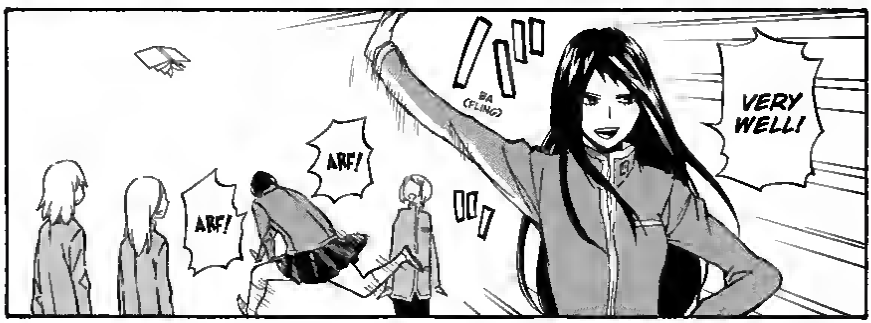
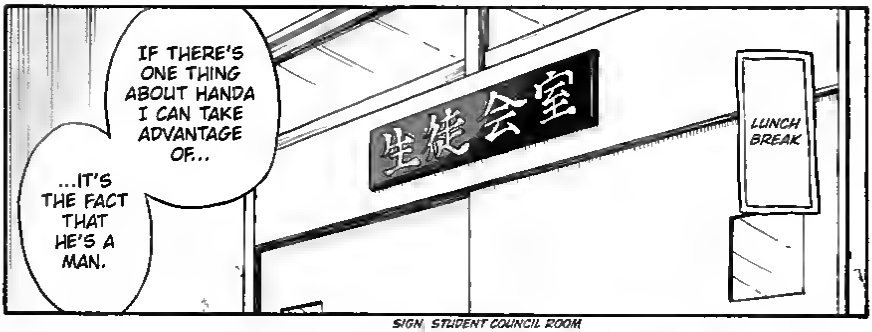
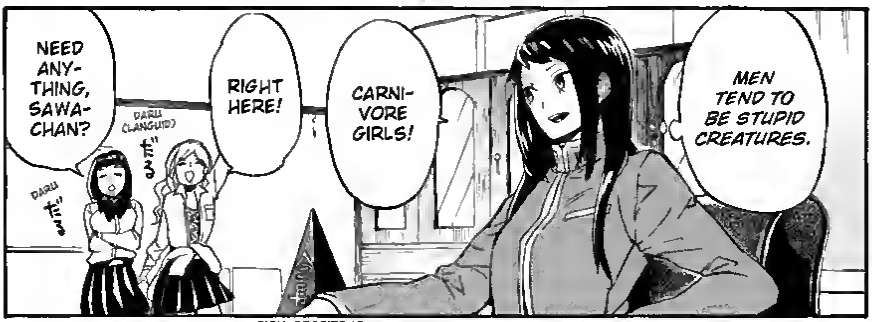
...HIS RECORD IS CLEAN FOR BOTH FEMALE RELATIONS AND DELINQUENCY.
DESPITE THE GREAT SCRUTINY TO WHICH HE'S BEEN SUBJECTED BY THE WHOLE STUDENT BODY...





SIGN: STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM



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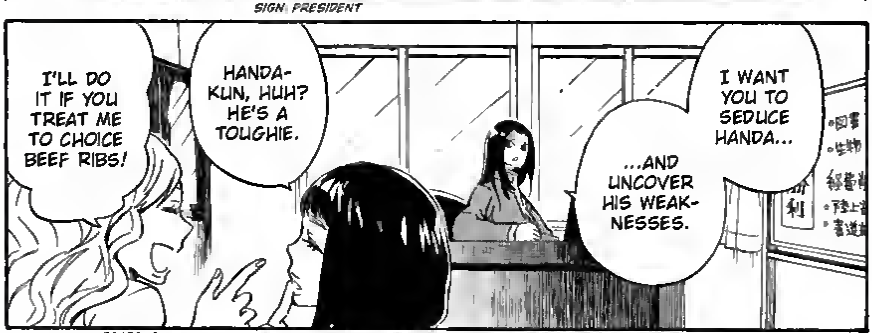

I'LL DO IT IF YOU TREAT ME TO CHOICE BEEF RIBS!
HANDA-KUN, HUH? HE'S A TOUGHIE.
...AND UNCOVER HIS WEAK-NESSES.
I WANT YOU TO SEDUCE HANDA...

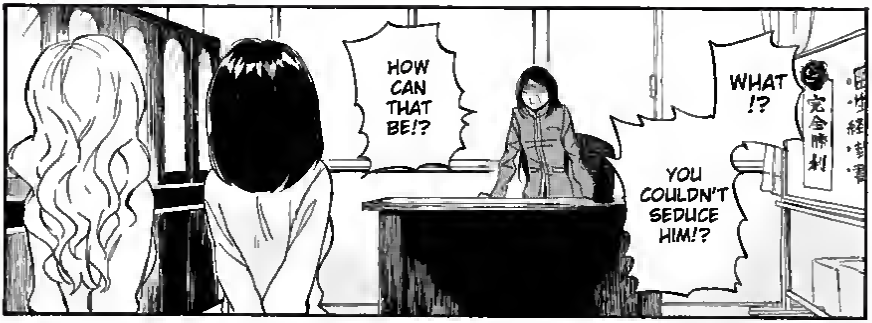
BOARD: COMPLETE VICTORY: LIBRARY COMMITTEE, BIOLOGY COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE CUT— TRACK TEAM, CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

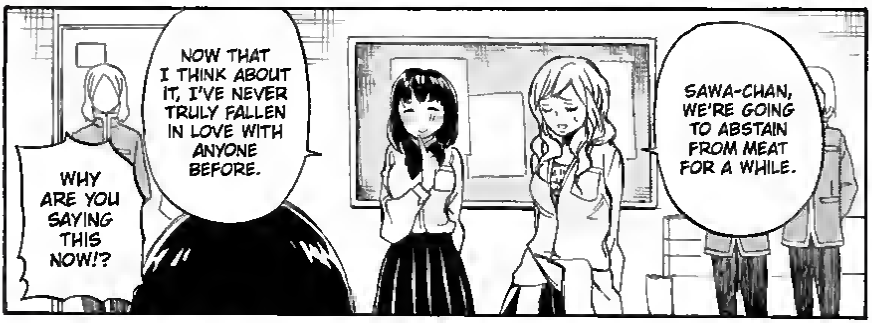
...YOU'RE QUITE LOVELY WHEN DEPLOYING A WOMAN'S WEAPONRY YOURSELF.
FOR ONE SO QUICK TO CRY "SEXUAL HARASS-MENT"...
WRITHE IN YOUR HONEY TRAP, YOU MAN!!
YES!
NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETE

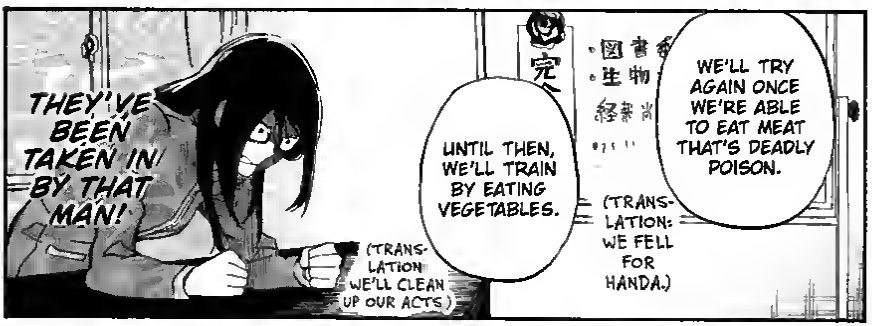
GASA (RUSTLE)
BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING
EH HEH HEH ...
FOUND YOU, HANDA-KUN!
THE REAL ONE THIS TIME!
EATING LUNCH ALONE...
HE'S LIKE A ZEBRA JUST BEGGING TO BE PREYED UPON.
I KNOW YOU'RE OVER THERE.
NOW!
YEAH!
TWO STRAY CATS, HUH?
HE SPOTTED US!?

...I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
EVEN IF YOU WANT TO APPROACH ME...
Let's try again.
KOSO (WHISPER)
KOSO
Crap!
This is pretty bad!
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO EAT HERE.
YOU SHOULD VALUE YOUR-SELVES MORE.
...WOULD BE DEADLY POISON FOR YOU.
MY MEAT...

.....
ZA (SCRUNCH)
MEOW!
SHEESH ...
MEOW!
WHERE DID YOU STRAYS COME FROM?
ARE YOU AFTER THE MEAT FROM MY LUNCH?
SORRY, I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY! HUMAN FOOD'S POISONOUS TO CATS!
YOU'RE SO CUTE. ♥ ARE YOU RELATED?

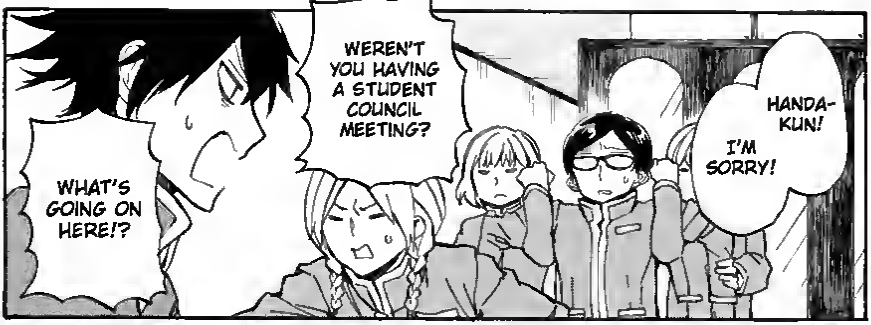

WHAT!?
HOW CAN THAT BE!?
YOU COULDN'T SEDUCE HIM!?
完全勝利

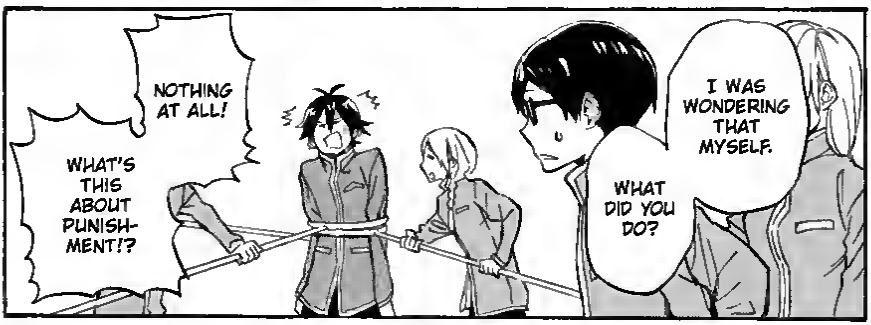

SAWA-CHAN, WE'RE GOING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT FOR A WHILE.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER TRULY FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ANYONE BEFORE.
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS NOW!?


WE'LL TRY AGAIN ONCE WE'RE ABLE TO EAT MEAT THAT'S DEADLY POISON.
(TRANSLATION: WE FELL FOR HANDA.)
UNTIL THEN, WE'LL TRAIN BY EATING VEGETABLES.
(TRANSLATION: WE'LL CLEAN UP OUR ACTS.)
THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN IN BY THAT MAN!
完
図書
生物
経営

DAMN IT ALLLLL!
THAT HANDA!
BRING ME HANDA, IMMEDIATELY!!
SO LOVELY!

WE, THE STUDENT COUNCIL...
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING!?
...HEREBY PUNISH YOU FOR YOUR DISTURBANCES TO...
...PUBLIC ORDER AND MORALITY!
WAIT A SEC! WHAT'S THIS GIRL TALKING ABOUT?


WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
WEREN'T YOU HAVING A STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING?
HANDA-KUN! I'M SORRY!


WHAT'S THIS ABOUT PUNISH-MENT!?
NOTHING AT ALL!
WHAT DID YOU DO?
I WAS WONDERING THAT MYSELF.

...BY SEDUCING GIRLS INDISCRIMI-NATELY!
HANDA, YOU SOIL YOUR DUTIES AS CLASS REPRESEN-TATIVE...

AND SO...
...YOU ARE SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN A GIRLS' UNIFORM!
HIRAHARA (FLUTTER)

CRAP! SHE'S NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
...WILL DO A NICE JOB OF FILING DOWN YOUR SHARP MALE FANGS.
PUTTING YOU INTO THIS ONE...
A UNIFORM CHANGES PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN.
EH?
EH!?
YIKES!
THERE'S ALREADY A VICTIM!
HANDA-KUN, BE GOOD AND TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT.
IT'S NO GOOD!
THIS GUY'S BEEN COMPLETELY EMASCU-LATED!
PERHAPS I'M PRODUCING FEMALE HORMONES?
IT'S FULL OF GOOD-NESS.
MY SKIN GROWS RADIANT WHENEVER I WEAR THIS.
...MY SCHOOL-WIDE HARASSMENT HAS FINALLY BEGUN.
IT SEEMS THAT...
JIRI
JIRI (SSK)
COME NOW!!
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO PUT IT ON!
YOU FASTEN THE SKIRT IN FRONT AND THEN TURN IT TO THE SIDE.

!?
KYAH!
HOLD HIM FIRMLY!
SA (SWISH)
HA! BA (CLINGS)
ALL RIGHT!
PIN HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK!
THIS IS BAD!
IF I'M FORCED TO WEAR A GIRLS' UNIFORM...
...THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL LAUGH AT ME!
YOU MUST BE JOKING.
OH, HANDA...
I'M SURE IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU!
SERI-OUSLY!? YOU TRAITOR!
AMAZ-ING!
DO SOME-THING!
CLASS REP!!
AFTER HIM, GIRLS!
HE'S GET-TING AWAY!
AAH!!
DA (CRASH)
GCK!

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL IS INSANE!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!? HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!?
HOLD IT!
HANDA!
SHUUU

真野
SHIRT: HIGASHINO

!?
TRY THIS ON, HANDA-KUN!
ZA (SCUFF)
UWAHH!
WEAR THIS!
WEAR THIS!
ZA
EEEK!
...ACCEPT YOUR FATE.
NOW...

KA (TUMP)
I JUST CAN'T WAIT...
KA
IT'S A SKIRT DEBUT WORTH CELE-BRATING.
GA (TUMP)
AFTER A YEAR IN IT, YOU'RE SURE TO BE A SPLENDID FEMINIST...
...RIGHT?
HANDAAAA!

GOTCHAAA!
GUWA! (LEAP!)
(SLIP) MUTZ

PRESI-
DENT!
DO
(THUMP)
DO
DO
DO
DO

PRESIDENT, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I HATED BOYS.
PRESIDENT!
...SAYING, "YOU CAN'T. YOU'RE A GIRL!" OR "NO GIRLS ALLOWED!"
SHEESH, GIRLS ARE SUCH CRY-BABIES.
AW, WHAT'S WRONG, SEWERKO?
THEY TREATED ME LIKE I WAS WEAK AND DIDN'T LET ME JOIN THEM...
...TO PLAY TOGETHER
BYEEEE!
DON'T YOU FOLLOW US!
WE'RE GOING NOW, SEWERKO.
I JUST WANTED TO PLAY WITH THEM...
PRESIDENT!
I JUST WANTED THEM TO ACCEPT ME.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRESIDENT?
MUKURI (RISE)
ムクリ
YEAH, I'M ALL RIGHT.
THAT'S GOOD, BUT...
...HANDA-KUN IS...
!?

WELL, ABOUT THAT...
WHY'S HE... UNDER ME?
...GUH!
EH...
EH?
DOKIN (BATTLING)
...WHEN YOU FELL, HE IMMEDIATELY COVERED FOR YOU.
IT LOOKED LIKE...
LOOK, PRESIDENT, HANDA-KUN...
WHY'S MY HEART POUNDING SO VIOLENTLY?
DOKI
OH NO...
DOKI
MEN CAN BE RELIABLE, IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER.
...I'VE...
...FALLEN FOR...
NNNGH...
...IS WAKING UP.
CAN IT BE... THAT...

WHEW!
...A MAN...?
HERE I AM, PRESIDENT!
COME, LET'S DRESS HANDA IN THIS SKIRT!
NOOOO!
DIE, YOU MAKAEN!
GOSU (CONK)
GOSU
GOSU

THAT JERK!
YOU'RE A GIRL NOW, PRESIDENT... WELL, YOU WERE ONE ALREADY..
MEN ARE GROSS!
I CAN'T TAKE IT!
EWW...
PRESIDENT, GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!
OH!
THERE YOU ARE, HANDA-KUN!
URGH...
HANDA-KUN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHERE... AM I?
YOU'RE AT SCHOOL.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I CAN REMEMBER ...
...FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS AND MY UNIFORM GETTING TUGGED SO THAT I WAS UNDERNEATH...
HUH?
ZOOOOO!
...BUT NOTHING ELSE.
WHO AM I AGAIN?
BURU (SHIVER) 7" IL
BURU 7" IL
HANDA-KUN...YOU MEAN...?
GASP!!
WHERE AM I?
TO BE CONTINUED IN "HANDA-KUN & AMNESIA"!

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SEI HANDA

OUR MIDTERMS ARE COMING UP.
YOU BEEN STUDYING, TSUKKUN?
WHAT, DO I LOOK LIKE I'VE BEEN STUDYING TO YOU?
GOOD ONE (LOL). THOSE WHO SAY THEY HAVEN'T STUDIED ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO DO.
HEY, YOU KNOW I'M LIKELY TO GET HELD BACK A YEAR.
YOU ASS-HOLE.
GOOD MORN-ING!
!?
UH ...?
OH... GOOD MORN-ING.
IT SURE IS A LOVELY DAY TODAY!
YEAH... SURE IS.
... WAIT ...

WHAAA—!?
OH, GOOD MORNING!
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AMNESIA!?
I TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY, SO THERE'S NO DOUBT.
THAT'S... LIKE IN A MANGA.
WILL HE GET BETTER !?
THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US, BY THE WAY.
THE DOCTOR SAID HE COULD NATURALLY RECOVER HIS MEMORY IN A FEW DAYS...
SCREECH
BRAKE SOUND
HEYA! GOOD MORNING, MY FELLOW CLASS-MATES!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
WERE YOU ANXIOUS WITH-OUT ME AROUND?
NEVER FEAR! I'LL BE HERE TO STUDY WITH YOU EVERY DAY!
...OR HE COULD STAY LIKE THIS THE REST OF HIS LIFE.
HYPER FOR LIFE...

I DON'T LIKE IT!
HANDA-KUN'S TURNING INTO A FAILED MAG MODEL PICKUP ARTIST!
YOU'RE HERE TOO, FAKE HANDA?
YOU'RE IN A DIFFERENT CLASS.
BY "FAILED MAG MODEL," DO YOU MEAN ME?
IF HANDA-KUN ISN'T COMPLETELY FORMAL AND DIGNIFIED—
Kmm.
THE WRITING TOOLS HE JUST GOT OUT ARE DECORATED WITH LAMÉ!
GAAAHH!
NOW THAT I LOOK CLOSELY, THESE ARE ALL SPARKLY ITEMS THE REAL HANDA-KUN WOULD DESPISE (I ASSUME)!
WHERE'D THIS FAILED MAG MODEL COME FROM!?
OKAY, YOU'RE CLEARLY REFERRING TO ME THIS TIME...
Mint
Wax
Hand Lotion
RED
IT'S NO USE!
THIS IS MORE THAN MY HANDA AESTHETICS CAN HANDLE!
HE COMES, HE RAGES, HE LEAVES.
I WISH MAG MODELS NATIONWIDE WOULD GANG UP AND CLOBBER HIM.

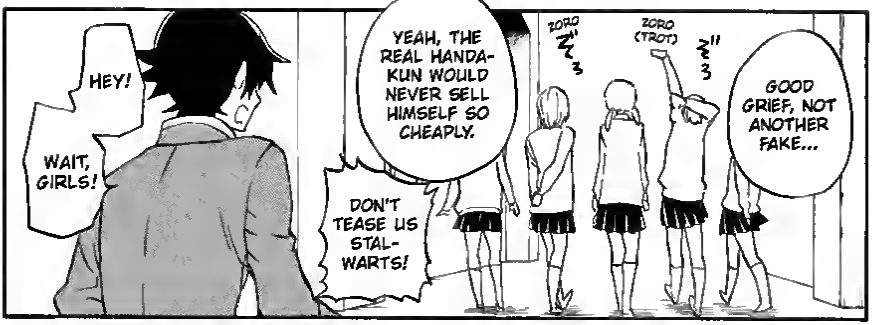
TIN: BREATH FRESHENING MINTS; TUBE: HAND LOTION

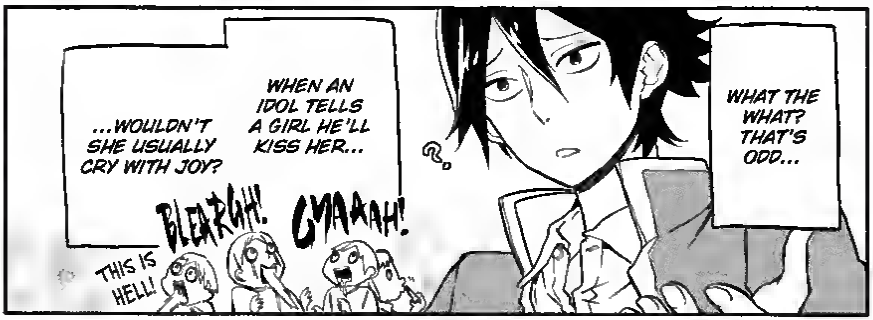
WE'RE SORRY!
HUH!?
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING QUITE A FUSS.
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
OHH...
THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT IT.
PATA (FLIP)
TALKING ABOUT HOW I'VE LOST MY MEMORY?
LUCKILY, I DID REMEMBER THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
WHICH IS WHAT?
IT'S TOO BAD THAT I LOST MY MEMORIES...
...BUT THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK.
URGH...THAT'S NOT WRONG, BUT IT'S STILL OBNOXIOUS.
WHY...
...THE FACT THAT I'M POPULAR!

NOW, THEN!
TO FULFILL MY POPULAR-GUY DUTIES...
...I'LL GO AND LAVISH COMPLIMENTS ON KITTENS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL!
HE'LL KEEP BEING CHEERY LIKE THAT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE?
I'M DEPRESSED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.
HANDA-SAN...
URGH...
WITH A HANDA-SAN LIKE THAT...
...WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ME COMING BACK TO SCHOOL!?
I'M GONNA QUIT!
DON'T CRY, TSUKKUN!! AFTER ALL, YOU STILL HAVE ME!
DROP DEAD.
MEANIE!
I ALSO FEEL THAT THE SITUATION CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.
IT'S TIME FOR THE HANDA ARMY TO COMBINE ITS STRENGTH...
...AND RETURN HIM TO NORMAL, EVEN IF BY FORCE!
WAAAH!
TSUK-KUN!!

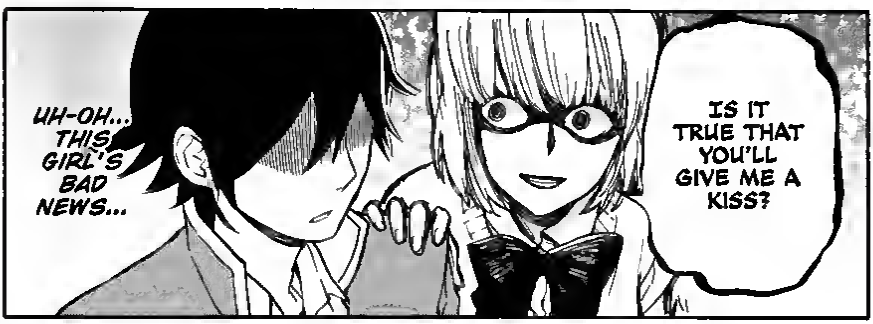
HEYA, KITTEN.
YAWN...
I OVER-SLEPT A BIT.
EEEEE! HANDA-KUN!
GATA
GATA (QUIVER)
GATA
GIRLS LIKE IT WHEN GUYS DO THIS TO THEM, RIGHT?
THIS THING CALLED A "WALL-BANG"?
I SAW IT ONLINE.
EEEEEK!
DON (BANG)
HAH-HAH-HAH! I'LL BANG WITH MY OTHER HAND TOO!
THIS IS A RIGHT-HAND BANG!
.....
WOW. WHAT TO BANG NEXT...
LOOK. A RIGHT-FOOT BANG!
GYAAAH!
DON
PRETTY SWEET. HUH? ONLY HANDA-KUN COULD DO THIS!
EAT SHIT. GRAVITY!
GYAAAH!
I FEEL SICK.
NOT ANOTHER WEIRD FAKE... MAN, HANDA SURE HAS IT TOUGH.

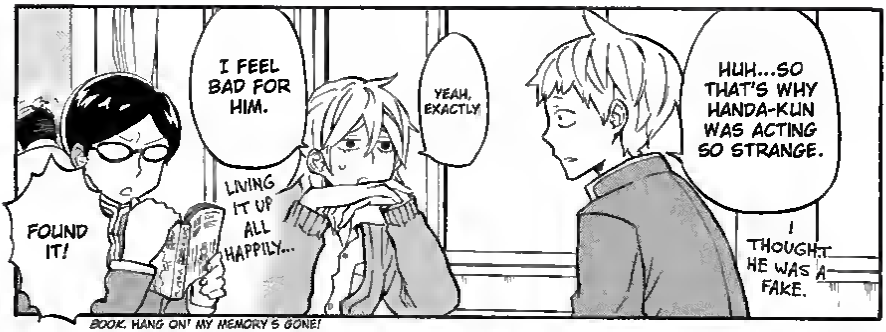
HANDA-KUN!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'VE MADE AN IMAGE CHANGE?
YOU DON'T MIND IF WE PEONS TALK TO YOU NOW?
THE HANDA WALL'S GONE!
WHAT IMAGE CHANGE? I'M POPULAR, THROUGH AND THROUGH!
KYAAAH! I'VE ALWAYS YEARNED FOR YOU!
HEH-HEH, WHY THANK YOU!
MAY I TOUCH YOU?
SURE, BUT NO BAD TOUCHES, PLEASE!
YOUR AUTO-GRAPH, PLEASE!
YOU GOT FANCY PAPER AND A MARKER?
I DON'T SIGN CALENDAR BACKS! ☆
NOW, LINE UP, EVERY-ONE!
PAA (BEAM)
I'LL KISS EACH OF YOU IN TURN!
EH?
SHIIIN (SILENCE)
WHAT THE?


HEY!
WAIT, GIRLS!
YEAH, THE REAL HANDA-KUN WOULD NEVER SELL HIMSELF SO CHEAPLY.
DON'T TEASE US STAL-WARTS!
ZORO
ZORO (TROT)
GOOD GRIEF, NOT ANOTHER FAKE...


WHAT THE WHAT? THAT'S ODD...
WHEN AN IDOL TELLS A GIRL HE'LL KISS HER...
...WOULDN'T SHE USUALLY CRY WITH JOY?
BLEARGH!
GYAAAH!
THIS IS HELL!

EVEN IF I'M POPULAR WITH THE WHOLE SCHOOL...
...MAYBE MY OFFER JUST WASN'T IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH...
GA (GRAB)
カシ

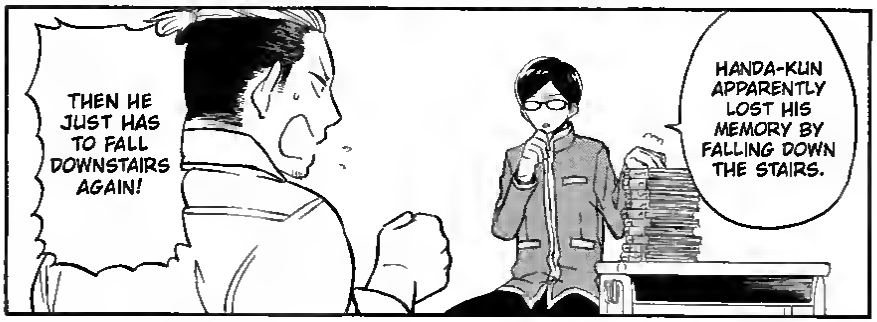

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'LL GIVE ME A KISS?
UH-OH... THIS GIRL'S BAD NEWS...


HUH...SO THAT'S WHY HANDA-KUN WAS ACTING SO STRANGE.
I THOUGHT HE WAS A FAKE.
YEAH, EXACTLY.
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM.
LIVING IT UP ALL HAPPILY...
FOUND IT!

BOOK: HANG ON! MY MEMORY'S GONE!

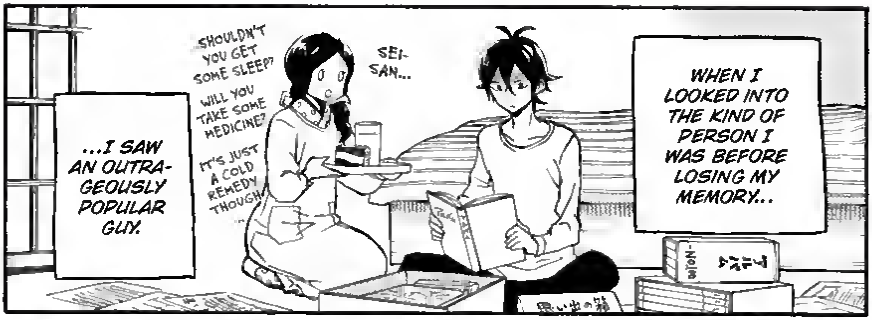
TO GET THEIR MEMORY BACK...
...YOU NEED TO GIVE THEM THE SAME DEGREE OF SHOCK THAT MADE THEM LOSE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT MAKES SENSE.
YOU'RE CONSULTING THAT MANGA...
...LIKE IT'S A MEDICAL GUIDE.

BACK: OUR HEROINE HAS LOST HER MEMORY YET AGAIN! WILL SHE BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO NORMAL?

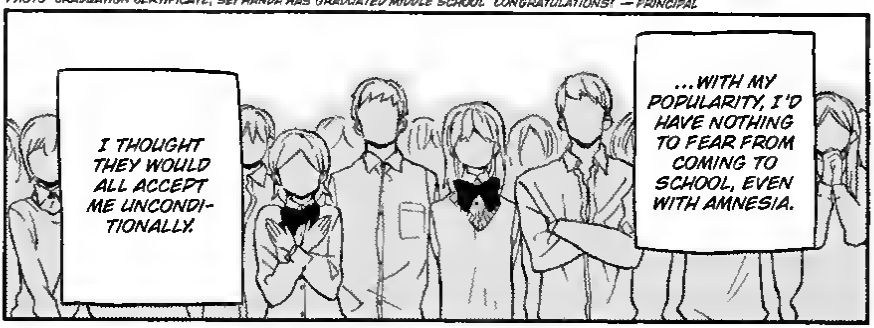


DON'T FOLLOW ME!
UWAAH!
HANDA-KUN!
HANDA-KUN!
HANDA-KUN!
WHEREVER HANDA RUNS, SO DOES HIGASHIMO!
HA HA HA!
WELL...
...AT LEAST SOME THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED...

HAA...
I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO LOSE HER.
HAA...
A POPULAR GUY LIKE ME...
...HAVING TO HIDE IN A DESERTED PLACE LIKE THIS.
STILL, IT'S PATHETIC.
SHIN (SILENCE)
...I FEEL MUCH CALMER NOW.
HUH...? BUT SOMEHOW...
HOWAA (RELIEF)


...I SAW AN OUTRAGEOUSLY POPULAR GUY.
SHOULDN'T YOU GET SOME SLEEP?
WILL YOU TAKE SOME MEDICINE?
IT'S JUST A COLD REMEDY THOUGH...
SEI-SAN...
WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE KIND OF PERSON I WAS BEFORE LOSING MY MEMORY...
BOOKS. ALBUM. BOX. BOX OF MEMORIES

WHILE I SEEMED TO BE POPULAR WITH A PRETTY DANGEROUS STRATUM OF SOCIETY...
Class 3-7 Sei Handa
COW!
Drop Dead You Cow
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING
PHOTO: GRADUATION CERTIFICATE, SEI HANDA HAS GRADUATED MIDDLE SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS! — PRINCIPAL

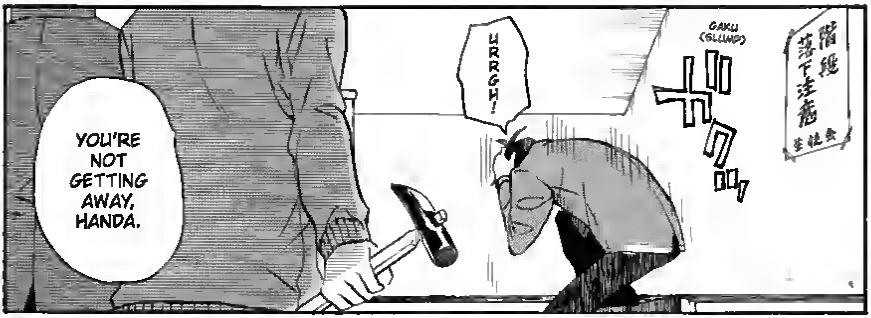

I THOUGHT THEY WOULD ALL ACCEPT ME UNCONDITIONALLY.
...WITH MY POPULARITY, I'D HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM COMING TO SCHOOL, EVEN WITH AMNESIA.

URGH!
ZUKIN (THUMP)
...SUCH ISOLATION?
AND YET, WHY DO I FEEL...

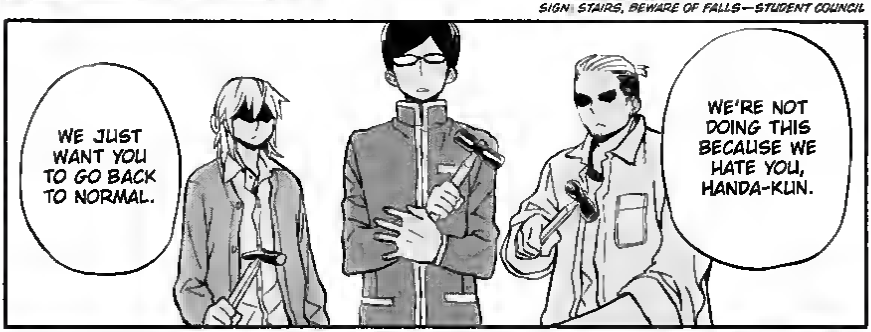
WHY DOES MY HEAD—?
GANG (CLUNK)
GOOD (KLUNGLE)
!?
GCK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
UWAAAH!

YIIIIKES! HE'S GOT A HAMMER!
...BUT I NEED THE REAL YOU BACK.
HAA
HAA
SORRY, HANDA-SAN...
TO THINK I WOULD EVER HAVE TO HIT HANDA-SAN...
DAMN IT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? I'M SUPPOSED TO BE POPULAR!!
POPULARITY MEANS BEING A TARGET OF JEALOUSY AND PREJUDICE ...
NO...
ONCE YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL, YOU CAN KILL ME.
AH! WAIT, PLEASE!
DA CRASH
NOOOOOO!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!

IT'S HANDA-KUN!
THERE HE IS!
I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
THIS IS SCARY!! TOO SCARY!!
BUT I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE POPULAR!
EVERYBODY'S MY ENEMY!
WHEREVER HANDA RUNS, SO DOES HIGASHINO!
HANDA-KUN!
ZUKIN (THROB)
URGH!
DOES THIS MEAN SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY HATE ME?
DASH!
SHUT IT!
WHY DOES MY HEAD ACHE?
IT'S BEEN HURTING FOR A WHILE NOW...



SIGN: STAIRS, BEWARE OF FALLS—STUDENT COUNCIL

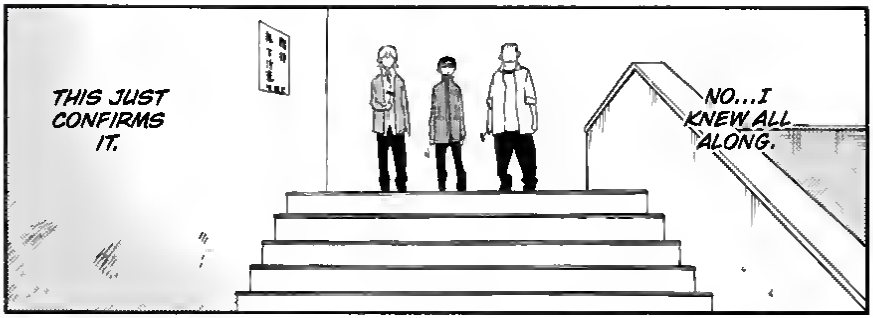


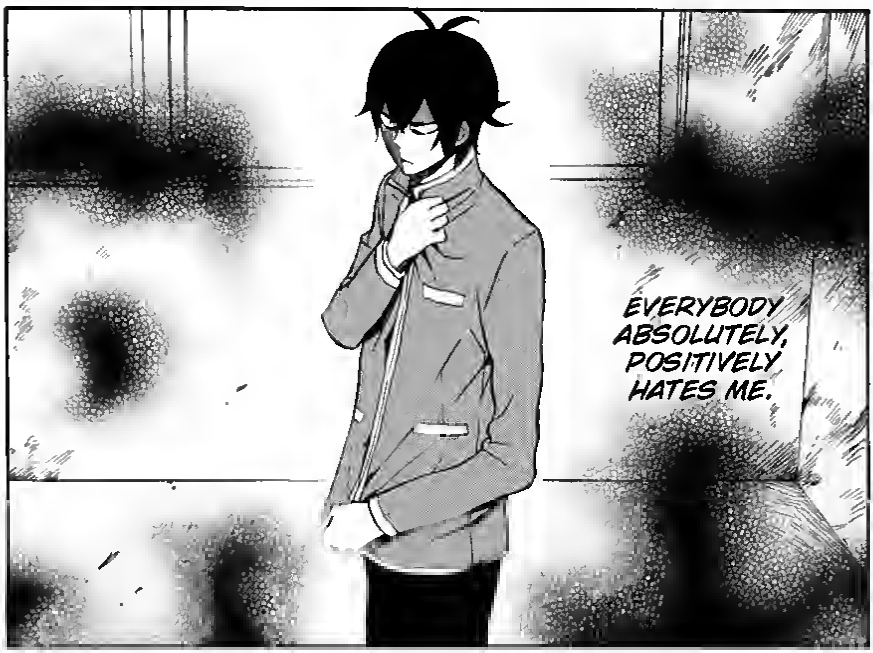
OKAY, GUYS, DO IT WHEN I SAY, "GO!"
PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME.
...FEELS LIKE IT'S SPLITTING!
MY HEAD ...

READY!
JUST WHAT AM I...?
WH-WHERE AM...?
GO!

WHAT THE HELL?
!?
I HAVE TO R—
GAKUN (SLUMP)
!?
UWAH!
(GORON (TUMBLE)
HANDA!
AH!
ZUGA (WHAM)
GA
GA
GA

UH, HEY...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
...THEY WANTED TO HIT ME WITH HAMMERS...
MUKU (GRUNT)
OH!
HE'S UP!
I HAD NO IDEA...
THAT WAS QUITE A FALL.
HANDA-SAN...?

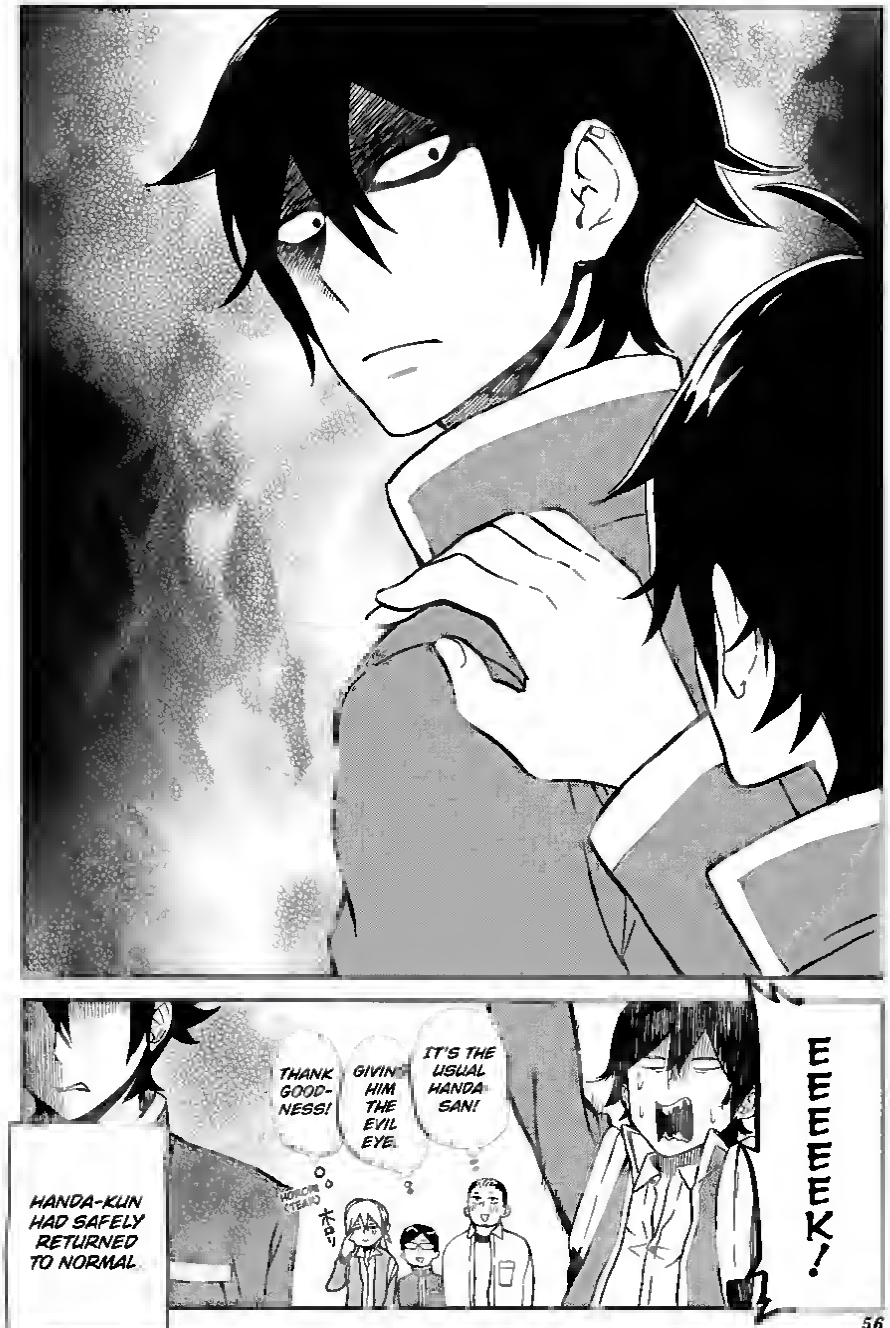

THIS JUST CONFIRMS IT.
NO...I KNEW ALL ALONG.

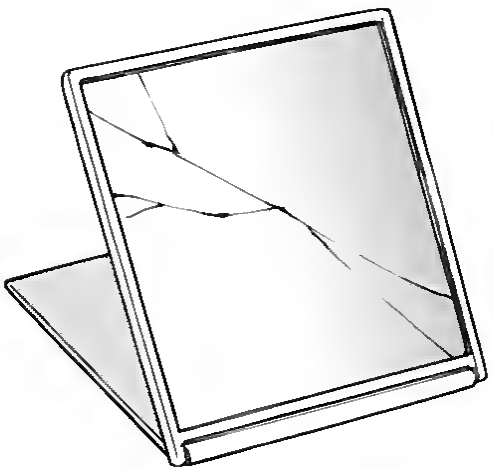

EVERYBODY ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY HATES ME.

EEP!

NYAAAA (SMIRK)
ニヤアアァ
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO BUT LAUGH?
.....HE UP AND LEFT.
UH-HUH.
WITH THOSE EYES, DEFINITELY.
DID HANDA-SAN GET HIS MEMORY BACK?
THAT SMILE...
OUR FEELINGS ...
...REVIVED THE REAL HANDA-KUN.
WHERE'S MY RUNNING HANDA?

THE NEXT DAY
HEEE HEEE!
HEYA, GUYS!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, FAKE HANDA?
YOU'RE EVEN MORE OBNOXIOUS THAN USUAL.
HEH HEH! YOU COULD TELL?
OF COURSE I COULD, DUMB-ASS.
WELL, EVEN MY HANDA AESTHETICS HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES.
OH!
PON (PAT)
HANDA-KUN!
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?


EEEEEK!
IT'S THE USUAL HANDA SAN!
GIVIN' HIM THE EVIL EYE.
THANK GOOD-NESS!
HORROR (TEAM)
HANDA-KUN HAD SAFELY RETURNED TO NORMAL



Handa-
kun

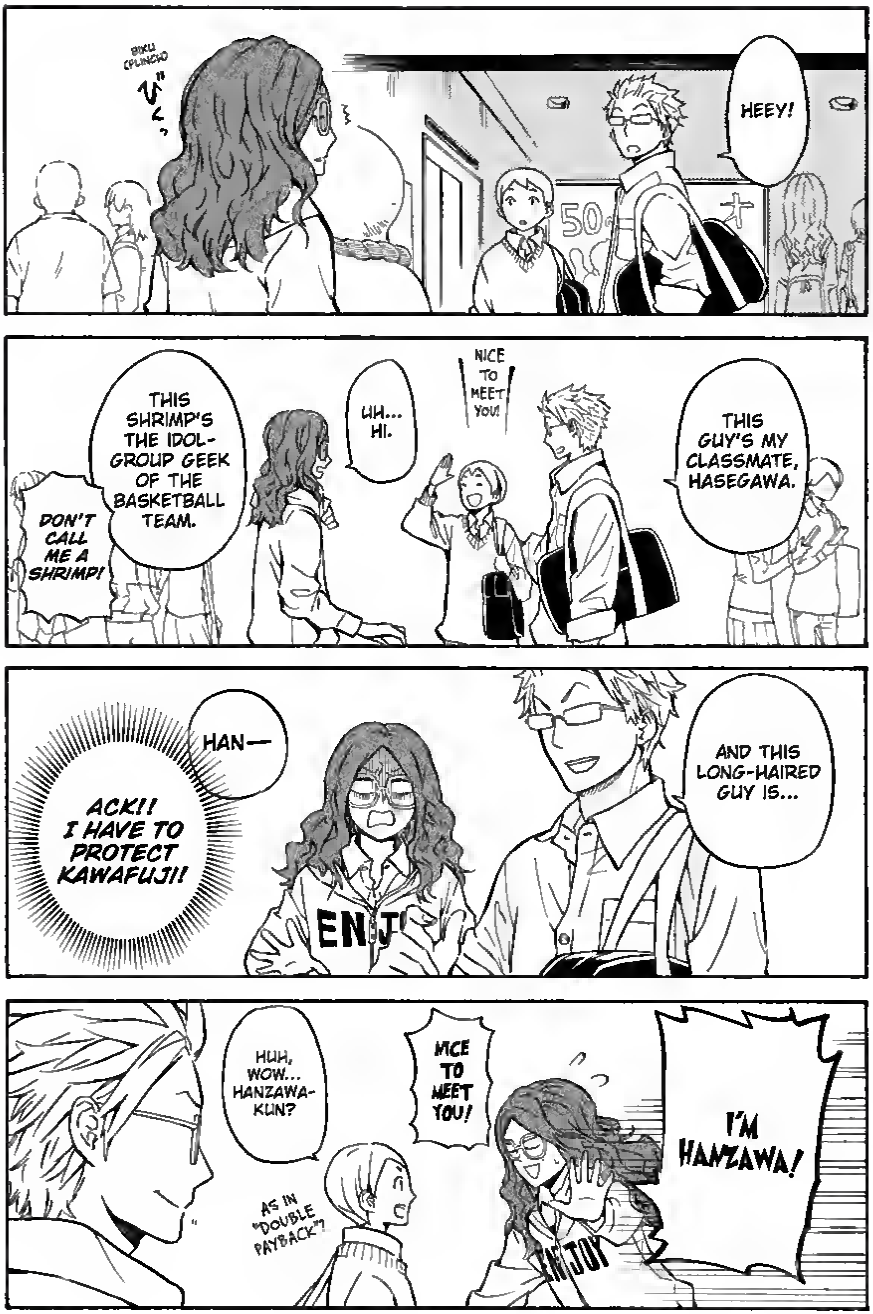
...HANDA'S GOTTEN EVEN MORE INTENSELY MISTRUSTFUL OF PEOPLE.
LATELY ...
IT'S PROBABLY DUE TO THE DRASTIC MEASURES HIS CLASS-MATES TOOK WHEN HE HAD AMNESIA.
I MET UP WITH KAWAFUJI BY ACCIDENT.
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US TOGETHER?
IT'S SURE TO GET HIM KILLED THIS TIME AROUND.
HANDA'S DUE TO HAVE A BREAK-DOWN AT THIS RATE.
BIKU (FLINCH)
SUN (SWISH)
SAY, HANDA...
OHHHH...
SO THAT'S... THAT'S ALL IT WAS. YOU STARTLED ME THERE.
POKI (SCRATCH)
ポリ
POKI

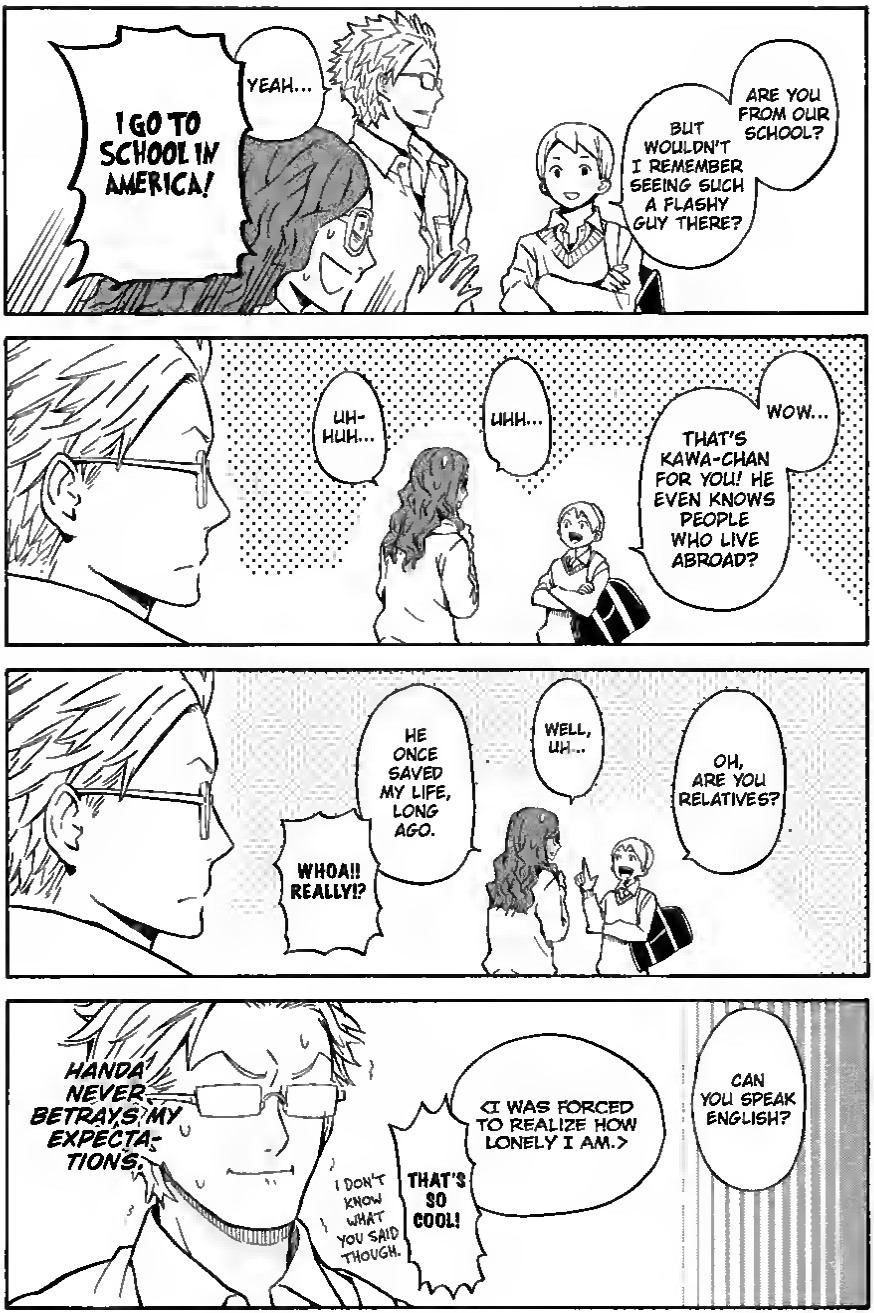
HE'S SERIOUSLY IN LIMBO. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.
WANNA GO HAVE FUN AFTER SCHOOL?
EH!?

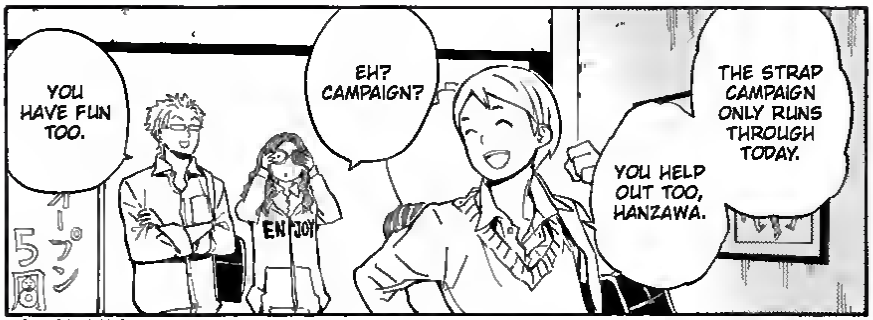
SIGNS: 24H BOWLING, DARTS—ARCADE, DODGEBALL, OPEN 24 HOURS

I JUST KNEW HANDA WOULD COME IN DISGUISE TO AVOID GETTING CAUGHT...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT BE WATCHING US.
I BOUGHT THIS STUFF AT MON QUIXOTE.
I LEFT MY BAG IN A COIN LOCKER.
EN JOY
COUNT 10
GOING TO SUCH AN EXCITING PLACE TO HAVE FUN...
IT'S LIKE I'M A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!
YEAH, REALLY.
USUALLY WE GET TOGETHER IN SECRET.
I'VE GOT THE PERFECT DISGUISE...
...TO RUSH IN AND ENJOY MY YOUTH!
GYUUU (GRAB)
WELL, JUST HOLD YOUR HORSES.
KAWA-CHAAAN!
OH, SORRY. I TUGGED HARDER THAN I MEANT TO
COUGH! COUGH!

YOU'RE LATE.
YEAH.
WERE YOU WAITING?
HEY, I HAD TIME TO KILL.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU JOIN ME ON THIS.
IT'S NOT LIKE KAWAFUJI EVER SAID IT'D BE JUST THE TWO OF US HAVING FUN.
SILLY ME...
WHY SO CHIPPER?
LET'S PLAY WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!


BIKILI CPLUNCH
HEEY!
50
THIS SHRIMP'S THE IDOL-GROUP GEEK OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM.
DON'T CALL ME A SHRIMP!
UH... HI.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
THIS GUY'S MY CLASSMATE, HASEGAWA.
HAN—
ACK!! I HAVE TO PROTECT KAWAFUJI!
AND THIS LONG-HAIRED GUY IS...
HUH, WOW... HANZAWA-KUN?
AS IN "DOUBLE PAYBACK"?
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M HANZAWA!


I GO TO SCHOOL IN AMERICA!
YEAH...
ARE YOU FROM OUR SCHOOL?
BUT WOULDN'T I REMEMBER SEEING SUCH A FLASHY GUY THERE?
UH-HUH...
UHH...
WOW...
THAT'S KAWA-CHAN FOR YOU! HE EVEN KNOWS PEOPLE WHO LIVE ABROAD?
WHOA!! REALLY!?
HE ONCE SAVED MY LIFE, LONG AGO.
WELL, UH...
OH, ARE YOU RELATIVES?
HANDA NEVER BETRAYS MY EXPECTATIONS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SAID THOUGH.
THAT'S SO COOL!
<I WAS FORCED TO REALIZE HOW LONELY I AM.>
CAN YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?



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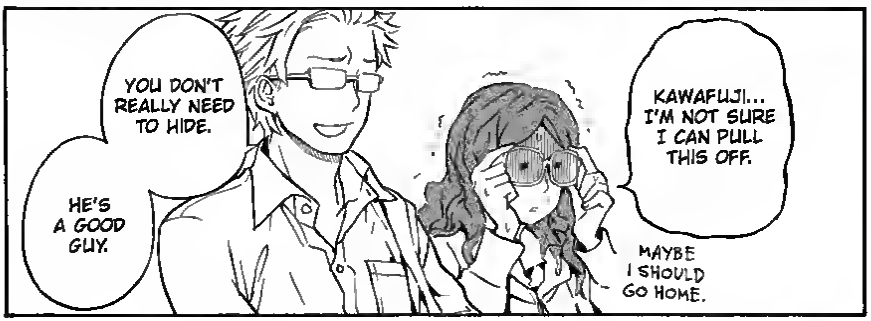

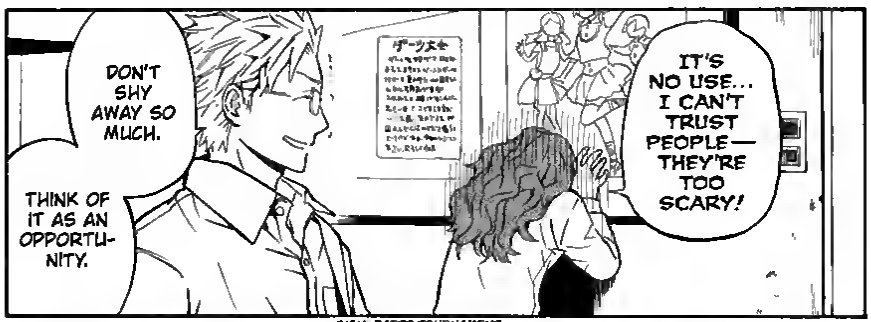

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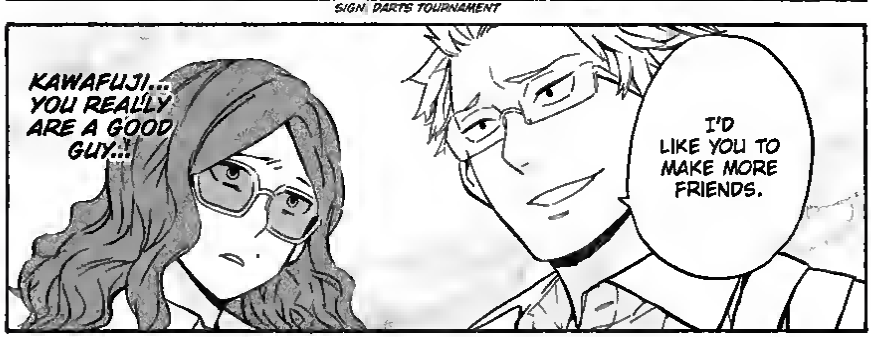
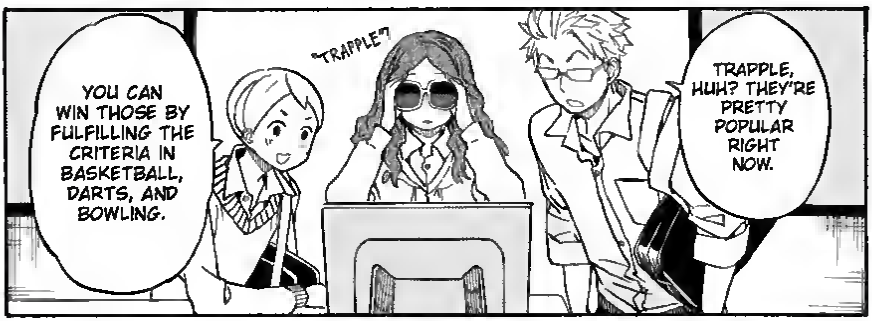
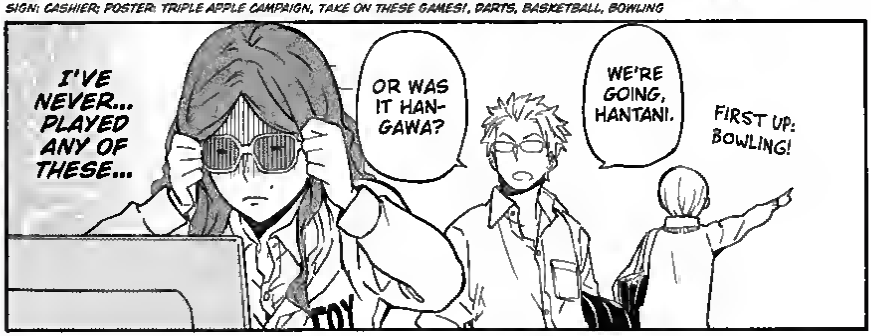
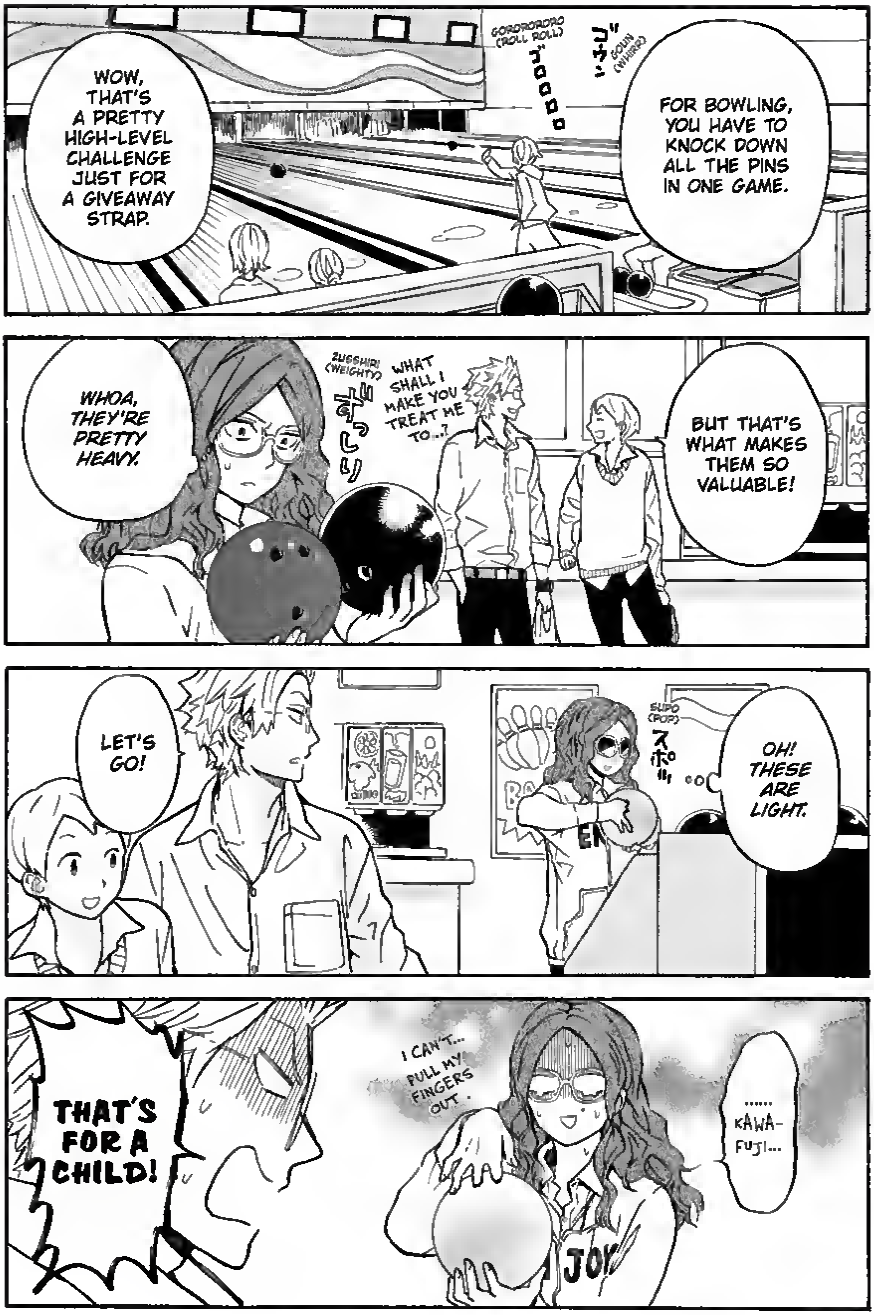
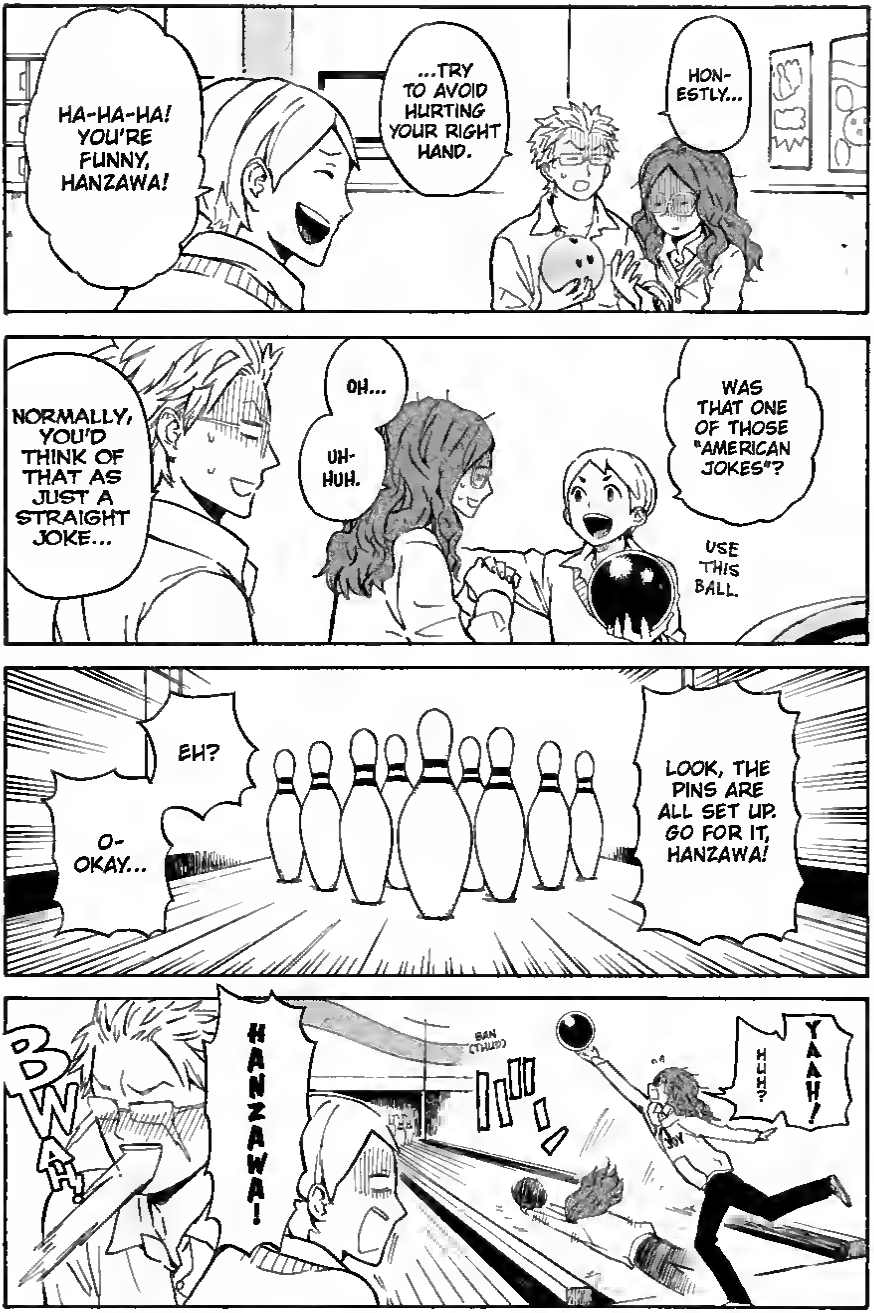


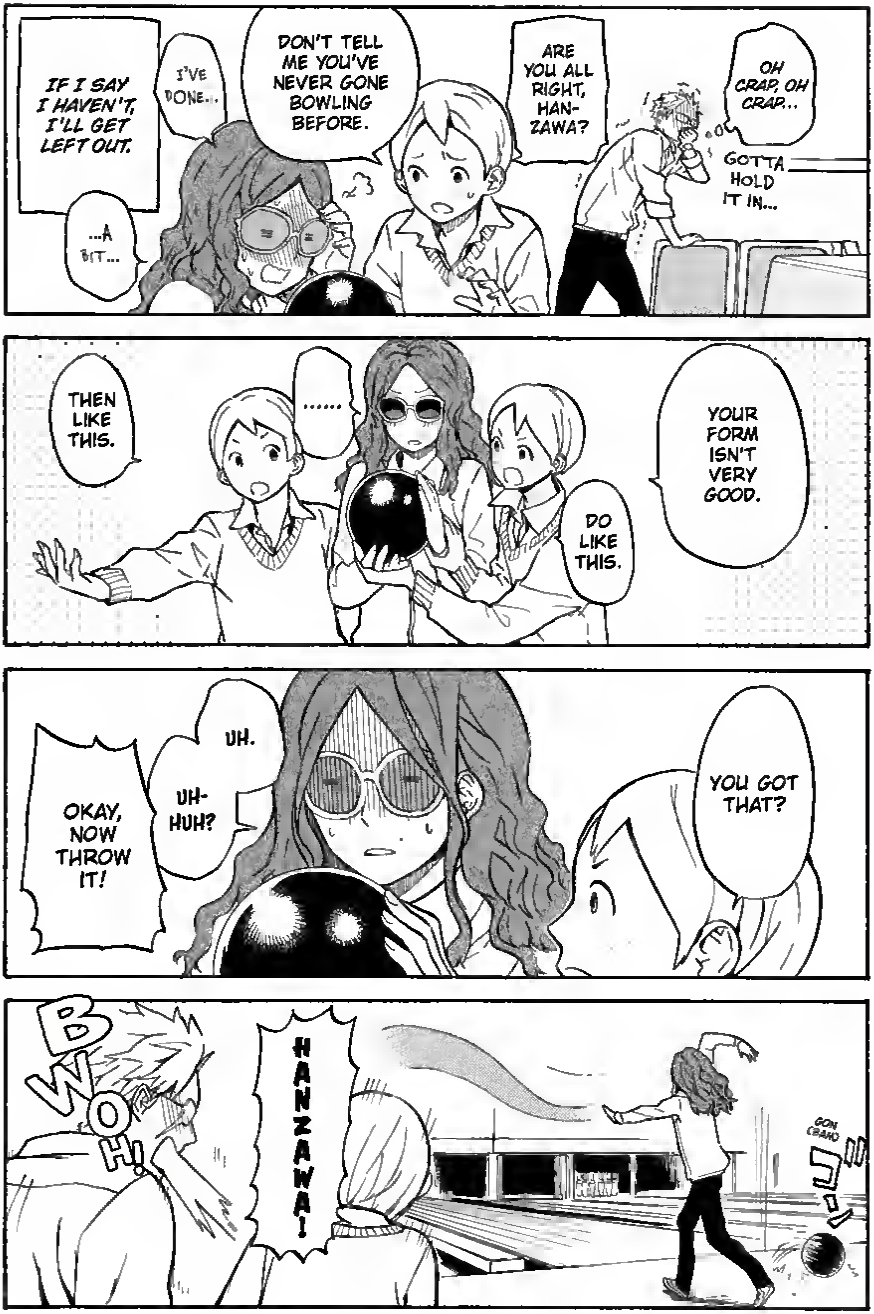

YOU CAN WIN THOSE BY FULFILLING THE CRITERIA IN BASKETBALL, DARTS, AND BOWLING.
"TRAPPLE"
TRAPPLE, HUH? THEY'RE PRETTY POPULAR RIGHT NOW.

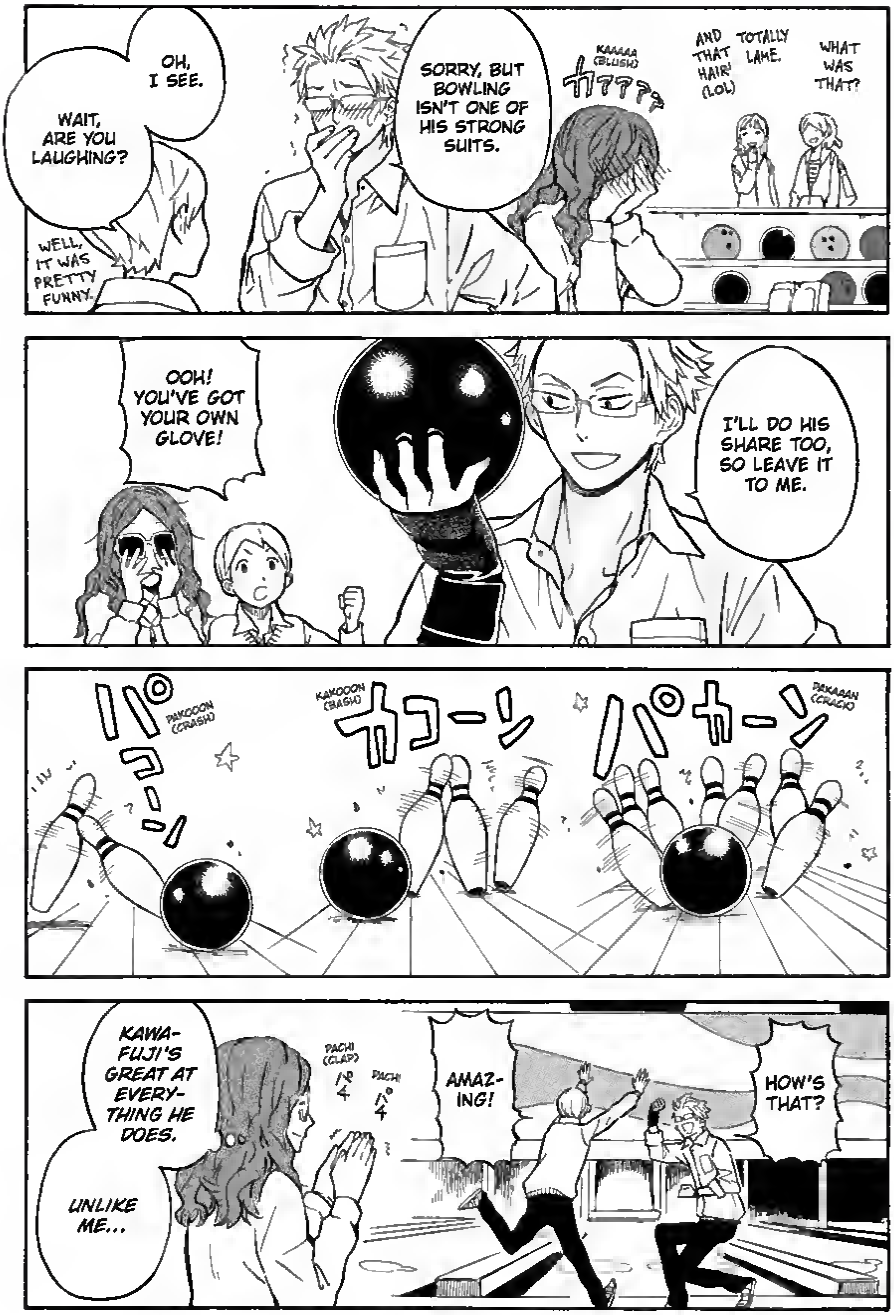
SIGN: CASHIER; POSTER: TRIPLE APPLE CAMPAIGN, TAKE ON THESE GAMES!, DARTS, BASKETBALL, BOWLING




WOW, THAT'S A PRETTY HIGH-LEVEL CHALLENGE JUST FOR A GIVEAWAY STRAP.
GOROROROROS (ROLL ROLL)
ゴロゴロ
GOLIN (WHIRR)
ゴリン
FOR BOWLING, YOU HAVE TO KNOCK DOWN ALL THE PINS IN ONE GAME.
WHOA, THEY'RE PRETTY HEAVY.
ZUSHIRI (WEIGHTY)
ずしり
WHAT SHALL I MAKE YOU TREAT ME TO...?
BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM SO VALUABLE!
LET'S GO!
SUPO (POP)
スポ
OH! THESE ARE LIGHT.
THAT'S FOR A CHILD!
I CAN'T... PULL MY FINGERS OUT.
.....KAWA-FUJI...


HA-HA-HA! YOU'RE FUNNY, HANZAWA!
...TRY TO AVOID HURTING YOUR RIGHT HAND.
HON-ESTLY...
NORMALLY, YOU'D THINK OF THAT AS JUST A STRAIGHT JOKE...
OH...
UH-HUH.
WAS THAT ONE OF THOSE "AMERICAN JOKES"?
USE THIS BALL.
EH?
O-OKAY...
LOOK, THE PINS ARE ALL SET UP. GO FOR IT, HANZAWA!
BWA-!!
HANZAWA!
BAN (THUD)
HUH?
YAAH!


IF I SAY I HAVEN'T, I'LL GET LEFT OUT.
I'VE DONE...
...A BIT...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER GONE BOWLING BEFORE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HANZAWA?
OH CRAP, OH CRAP...
GOTTA HOLD IT IN...
THEN LIKE THIS.
.....
DO LIKE THIS.
YOUR FORM ISN'T VERY GOOD.
OKAY, NOW THROW IT!
UH-HUH?
UH.
YOU GOT THAT?
WOH!
HANZAWA!
GOH (BANG)


OH, I SEE.
WAIT, ARE YOU LAUGHING?
WELL, IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY.
SORRY, BUT BOWLING ISN'T ONE OF HIS STRONG SUITS.
KAAAAA (BLUSH)
カアアア
AND THAT HAIR! (LOL)
TOTALLY LAME.
WHAT WAS THAT?
OOH! YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN GLOVE!
I'LL DO HIS SHARE TOO, SO LEAVE IT TO ME.
PAKOON (CRASH)
パコーン
KAKOOON (BASH)
カコーン
PAKAAAN (CRACK)
パカーン
KAWA-FUJI'S GREAT AT EVERY-THING HE DOES.
UNLIKE ME...
PACHI (CLAP)
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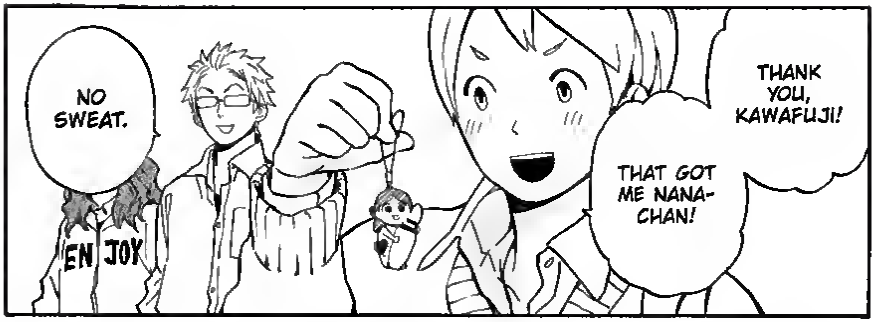
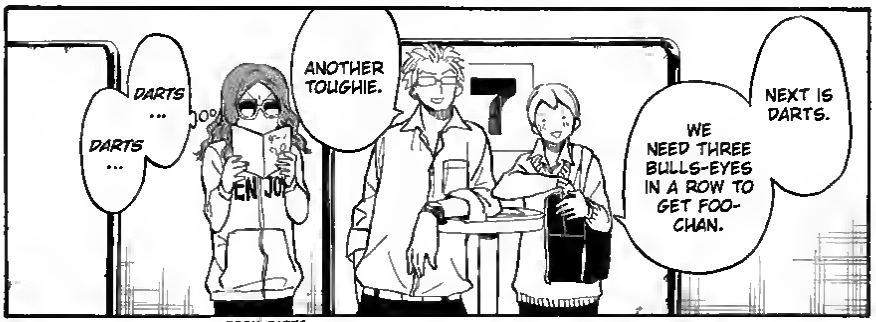
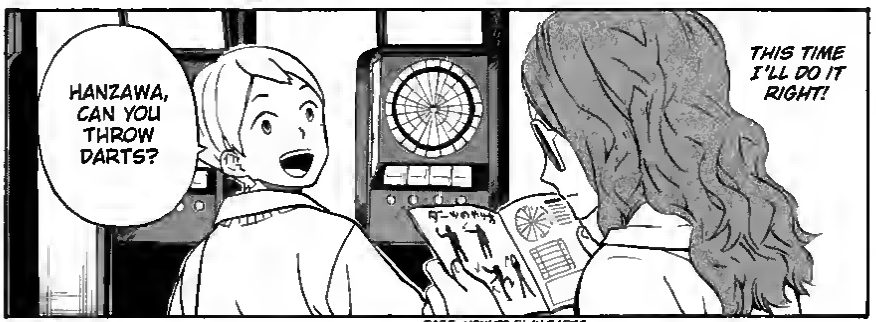
パチ
AMAZ-ING!
HOW'S THAT?





BOOK: DARTS



PAGE: HOW TO PLAY DARTS

CHUN
CHUN
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FOCUS FOCUS
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FOCUS FOCUS
FOCUS FOCUS
FOCUS FOCUS
AH-HA-HA! SO LAME!
7
AW WELL ...
MY SHOULDER ISN'T WARMED UP YET.
HMPFHAA GUGUHEGO
FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS
FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS
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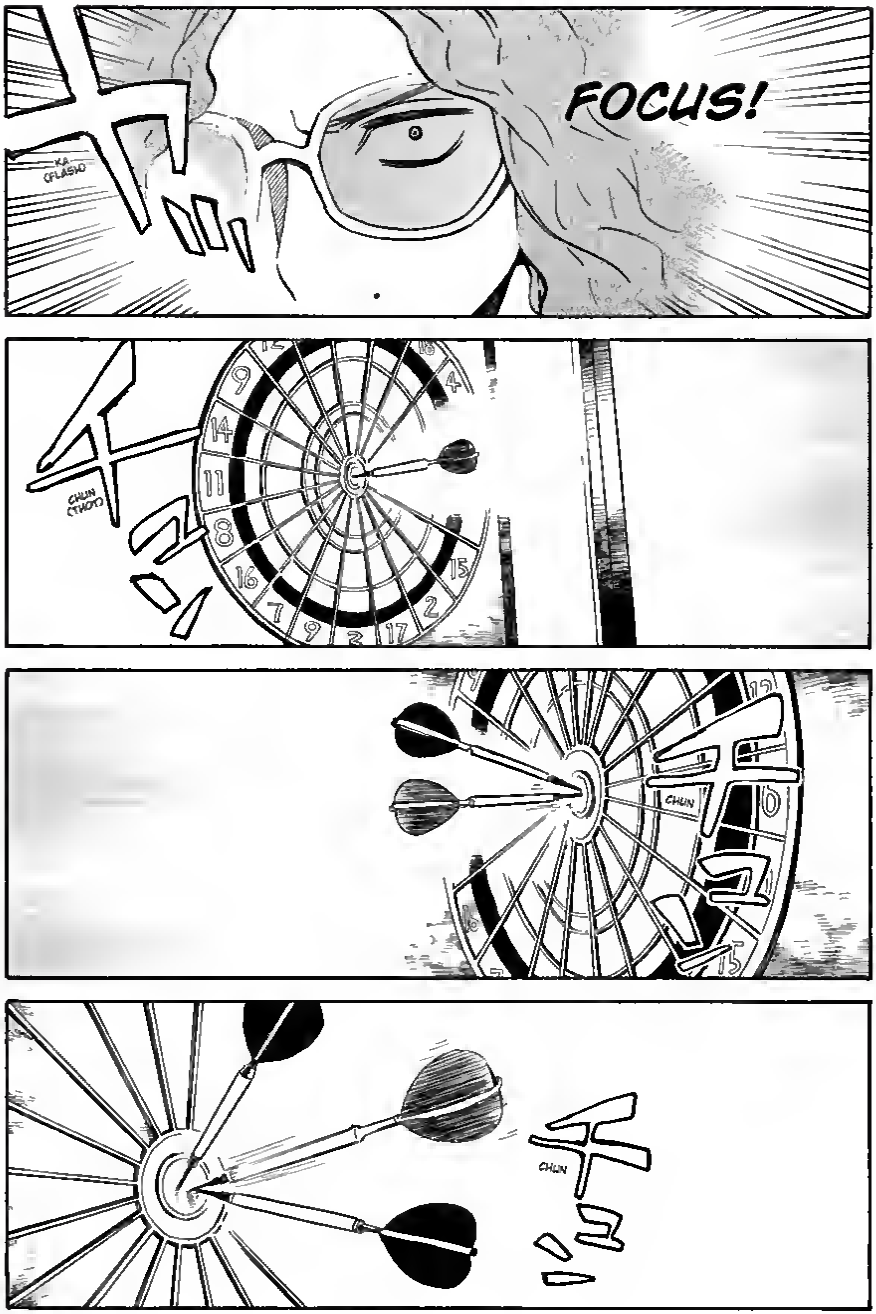
FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS
HAN-ZAWA'S NEXT.
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
SAY WHAT, KID!?
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.


FOCUS!
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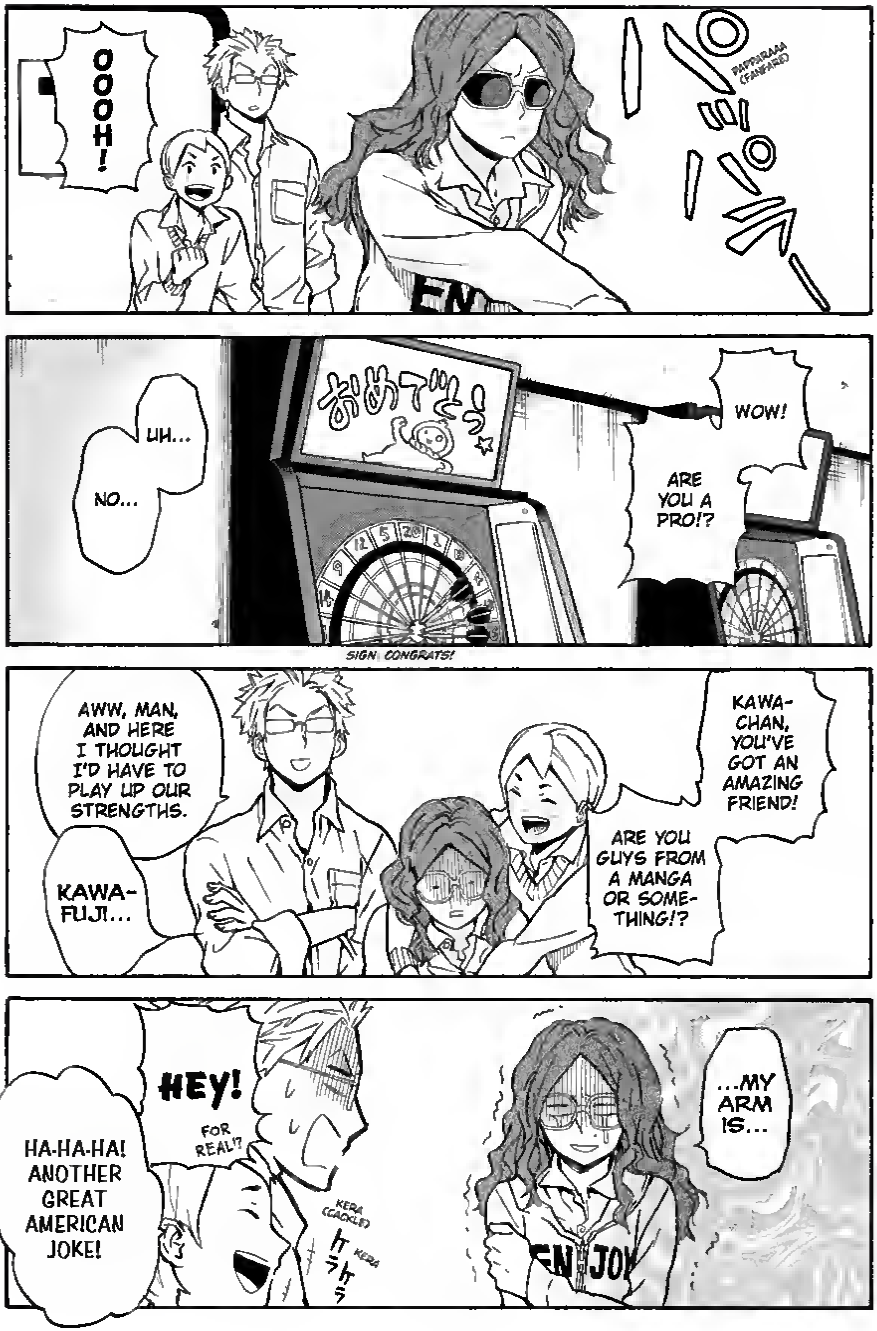
CHUN
CHUN
CHUN


OOOH!
PAPPIRAAA (FANFARE)
EN
おめでとう
UH...
NO...
WOW!
ARE YOU A PRO!?
SIGN: CONGRATS!
AWW, MAN, AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO PLAY UP OUR STRENGTHS.
KAWA-FUJI...
KAWA-CHAN, YOU'VE GOT AN AMAZING FRIEND!
ARE YOU GUYS FROM A MANGA OR SOMETHING!?
HEY!
FOR REAL!?
HA-HA-HA! ANOTHER GREAT AMERICAN JOKE!
KERA (CACKLE)
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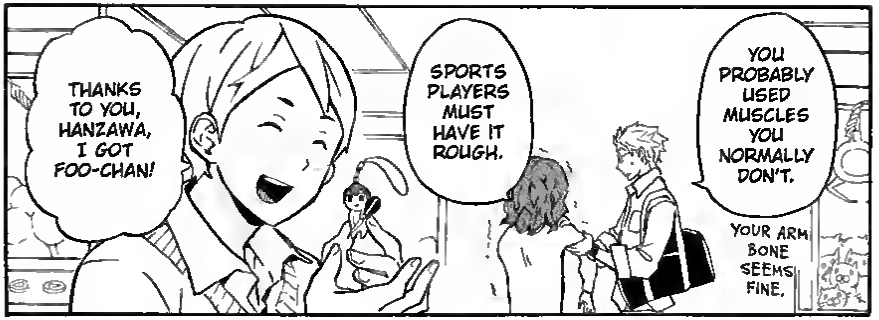
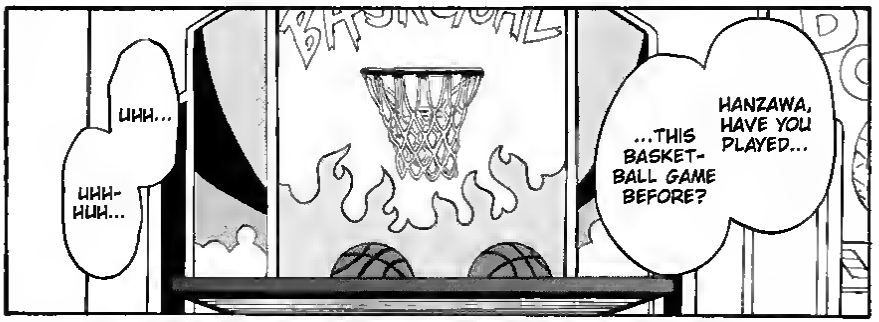
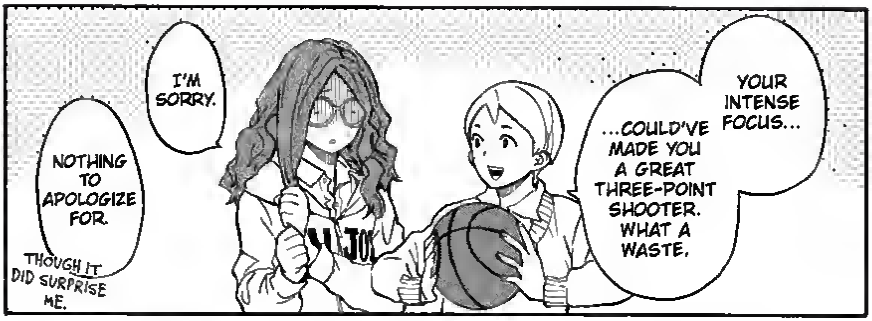
KERA
...MY ARM IS...
EN JOY

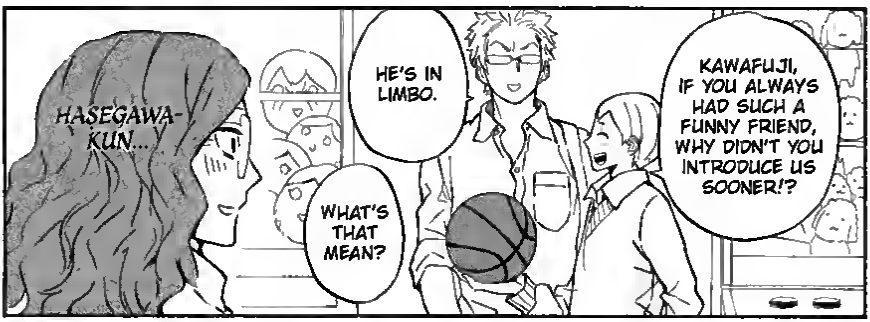

THANKS TO YOU, HANZAWA, I GOT FOO-CHAN!
SPORTS PLAYERS MUST HAVE IT ROUGH.
YOU PROBABLY USED MUSCLES YOU NORMALLY DON'T.
YOUR ARM BONE SEEMS FINE.

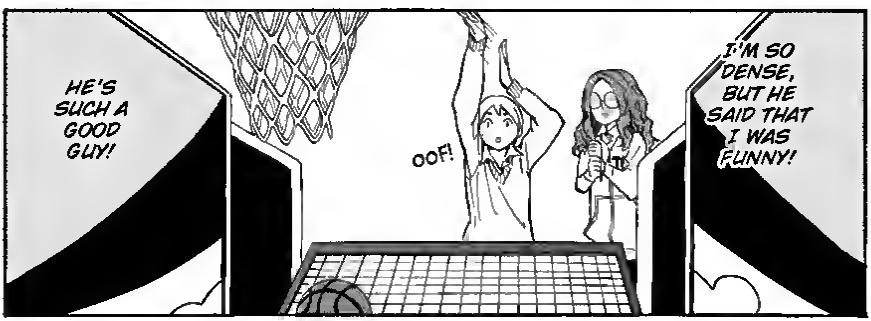


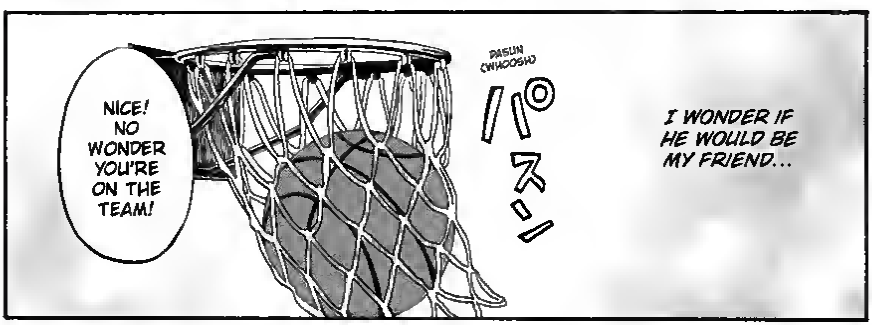
SIGN: TRIPLE APPLE

ONLY HANDA COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THAT.
OR AT LEAST DURING GYM CLASS/?
IS BASKET-BALL REALLY THAT MAJOR A THING?
WOULDN'T YOU HAVE PLAYED IT AT RECESS?
NEVER PLAYED BASKET-BALL/? ARE YOU KIDDING/?
IT'S REALLY POPULAR IN MANGA!

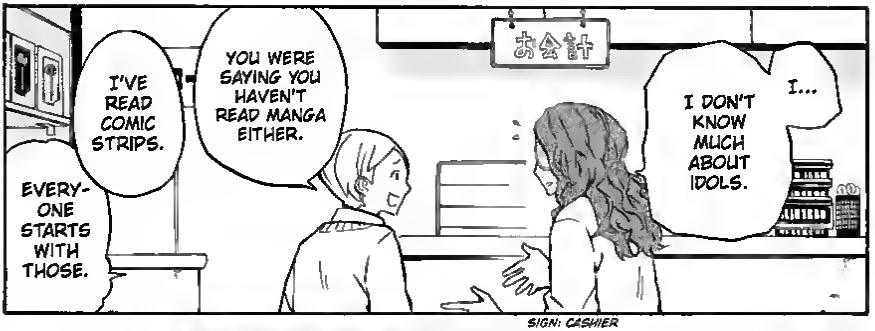

I'M SORRY.
NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
THOUGH IT DID SURPRISE ME.
YOUR INTENSE FOCUS...
...COULD'VE MADE YOU A GREAT THREE-POINT SHOOTER. WHAT A WASTE.


HASEGAWA-KUN...
HE'S IN LIMBO.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
KAWAFUJI, IF YOU ALWAYS HAD SUCH A FUNNY FRIEND, WHY DIDN'T YOU INTRODUCE US SOONER!?


HE'S SUCH A GOOD GUY!
OOF!
I'M SO DENSE, BUT HE SAID THAT I WAS FUNNY!


NICE! NO WONDER YOU'RE ON THE TEAM!
PASUN (WHOOSH)
パスン
I WONDER IF HE WOULD BE MY FRIEND...

QUIT THE "LICKY-LICK" STUFF—IT'S DISGUSTING.
I'M SO, SO GLAD..
AHH! TRAPPLE IS SOO CUTE!
LICKY-LICK!
OH! I'LL COME WITH YOU.
COOL, THANKS!
COLA AND TEA, RIGHT?
I'LL GO BUY US DRINKS.
YOU GUYS WAIT HERE.
I'LL DO MY BEST, KAWAFUJI!
AHA, I GET IT...
NO, YOU STAY THERE AND TALK WITH HASEGAWA.
UWAAAH! HE TALKED TO ME!
(FIKUU) (CHOCK)
HANZAWA, DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE IDOLS?
JOY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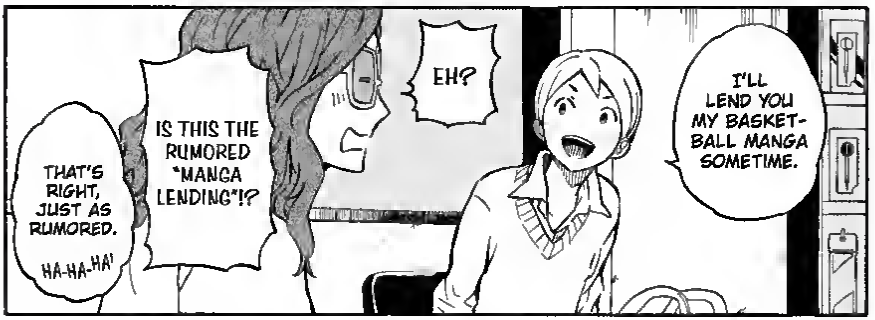
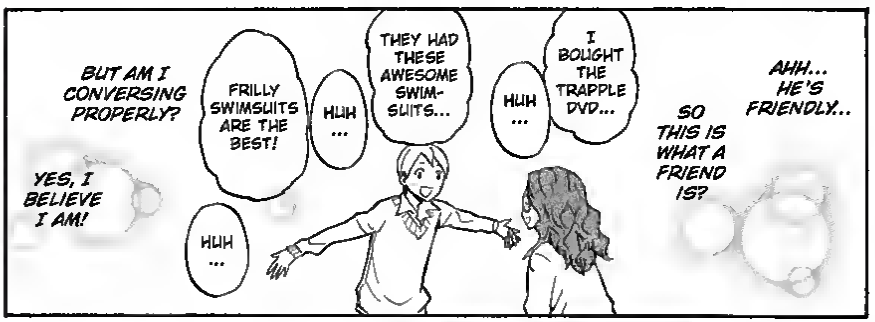
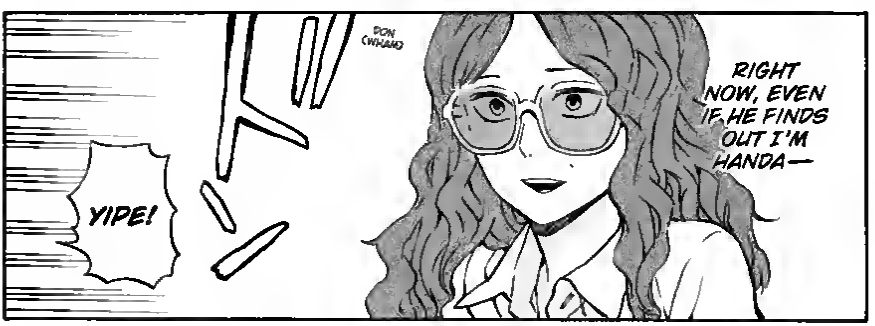
I...
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IDOLS.
YOU WERE SAYING YOU HAVEN'T READ MANGA EITHER.
I'VE READ COMIC STRIPS.
EVERY-ONE STARTS WITH THOSE.

SIGN: CASHIER



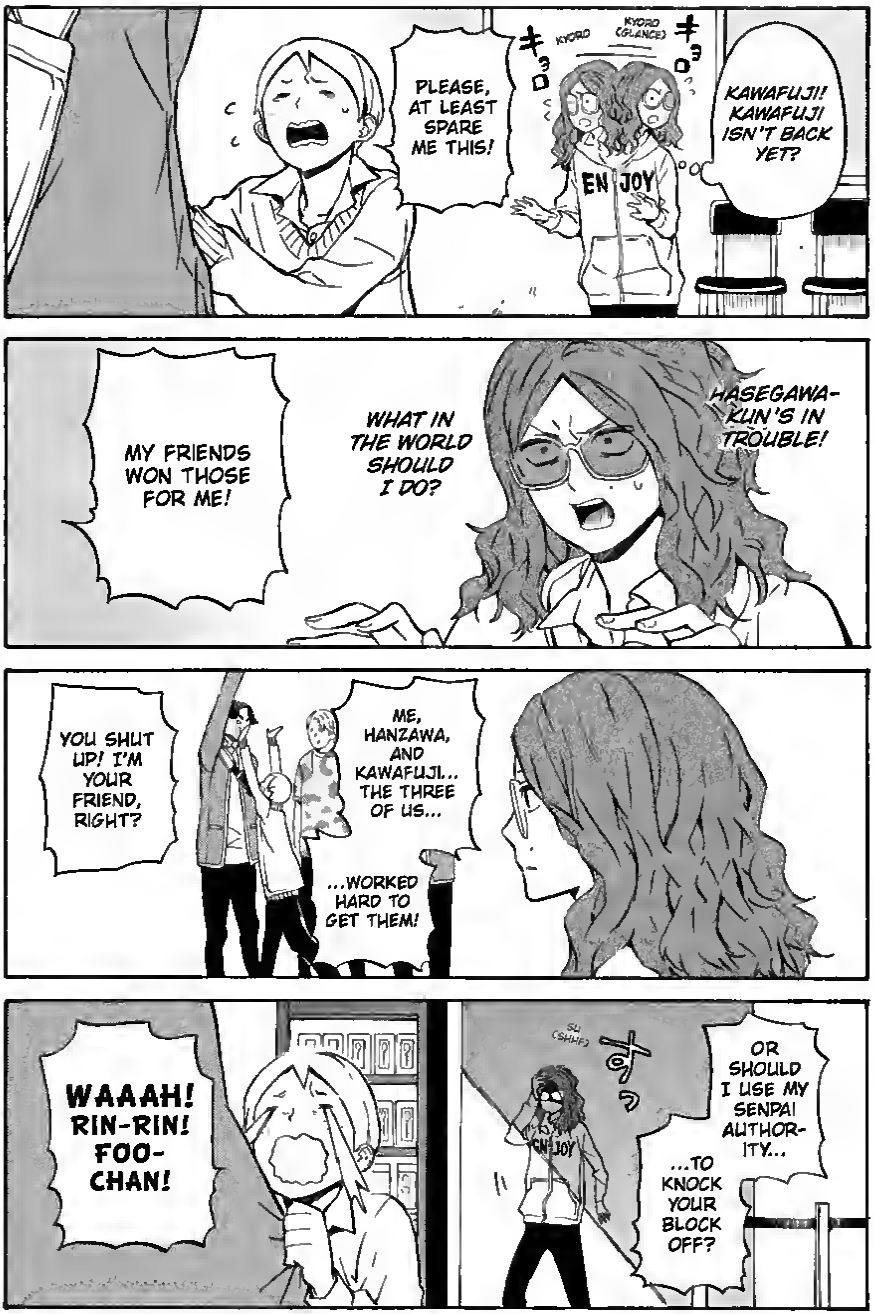

BUT AM I CONVERSING PROPERLY?
YES, I BELIEVE I AM!
FRILLY SWIMSUITS ARE THE BEST!
HUH...
THEY HAD THESE AWESOME SWIM-SUITS...
HUH...
I BOUGHT THE TRAPPLE DVD...
SO THIS IS WHAT A FRIEND IS?
AHH... HE'S FRIENDLY..



OW, OW, OW!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
HASE-GAWA-KUN!
HUH?
I WONDERED WHO THAT WAS. SECOND-YEAR HASEGAWA, HUH?
YOU WERE TOO SMALL TO SEE.
AH!
SENPAI!
"SENPAI"? THEY'RE SENIORS ON THE BASKET-BALL TEAM?
DIDN'T YOU HAVE REME-DIAL—
YOU GOT A BREAK FROM THE TEAM TODAY THANKS TO OUR REMEDIAL CLASSES.
HAVING FUN IN THIS KINDA PLACE? AREN'T YOU LIVING LARGE.

OH!
SHUT UP. DON'T TALK BACK TO US.
NO JUMPING THE SPORTS PECKING ORDER!
IF YOU SAY SO, BUT AREN'T YOU GUYS HERE TO HAVE FUN TOO?
AH!
THOSE ARE...
AREN'T THESE THOSE TRAPPLE STRAPS?
コーナー
HEY, THOSE ARE MINE!
I DROPPED THEM!
IT'S A FULL SET OF THREE.
WAY LUCKY!
HE'S GOTTEN MIXED UP WITH SOME REALLY NASTY SENPAIS.
COME ON!
THAT'S MEAN!
THAT MAKES ME EVEN LUCKIER.
AS A SENPAI, I GET DIBS ON YOUR STUFF.

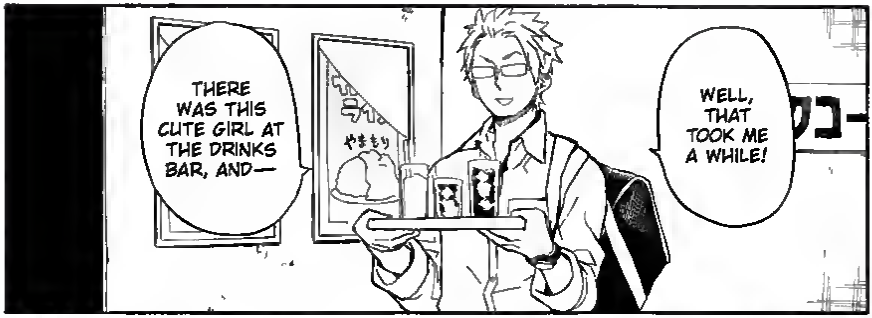
SIGNS: CASHIER, SNACK CORNER


PLEASE, AT LEAST SPARE ME THIS!
KYORO
KYORO (GLANCE)
EN JOY
KAWAFUJI! KAWAFUJI ISN'T BACK YET?
MY FRIENDS WON THOSE FOR ME!
WHAT IN THE WORLD SHOULD I DO?
HASEGAWA-KUN'S IN TROUBLE!
YOU SHUT UP! I'M YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?
ME, HANZAWA, AND KAWAFUJI... THE THREE OF US...
...WORKED HARD TO GET THEM!
WAAAH! RIN-RIN! FOO-CHAN!
SU (SHHH)
EN JOY
OR SHOULD I USE MY SENPAI AUTHOR-ITY...
...TO KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF?

HEY.. YOU... OW!
URGH!
POKA (BAP)
POKA
POKA
UWAAAAH!
GIVE THEM BACK!
BAGA (CRUSH!)
I HAVE TO SAVE HASEGAWA-KUN! I HAVE TO SAVE HASEGAWA-KUN!
GAN (WHAM!)
...IT'S DISTRACT THOSE SENPAIS.
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO...
コン
KON (TONK)
OW!
I WON'T LET THEM LAY A FINGER ON HASEGAWA-KUN...MY FRIEND!
WHO'S THERE!?

NOW THE GUY EVERY-BODY HATES IS HERE!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HIT ANYONE, HIT ME!!

HANDA!?
ISN'T THAT HANDA!?
EEK!
HE'S SAYING HE'LL KILL US IF WE PICK ON HASEGAWA!
OH CRAP!
SA
SA (ZIP)
(HIT ME, NOT HASEGAWA-KUN.)
CHUU (THUD)
EH!? HOW WOULD I KNOW HIM!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US YOU KNOW HANDA!?
S-SORRY ABOUT THAT, HASEGAWA!
GIKU! (SHOCK)
HANDA... KUN...



POSTER: A HEAP OF CURRY RICE

SIGN OPEN 5 YEARS

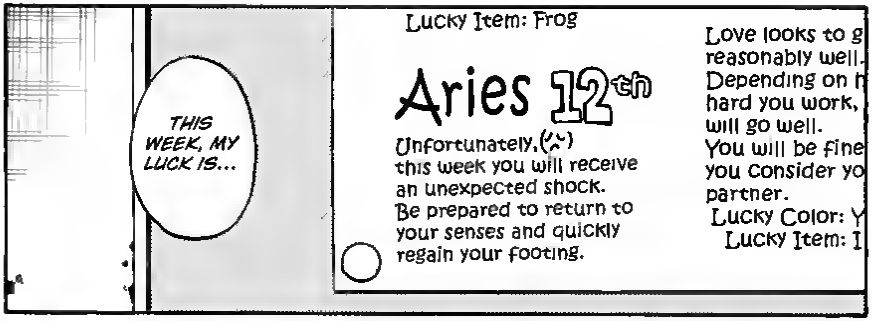
BASA (FLUTTER)
BASA
ACK!
THE NEXT DAY
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH SHOOT! DAMN IT! WHERE DID (VICE) CLASS REP GO?
HANDA-KUN!
AH!
YEAH. I'M ALL RIGHT.
I'M SO STUPID!
AIEEE!
HASE-GAWA-KUN!

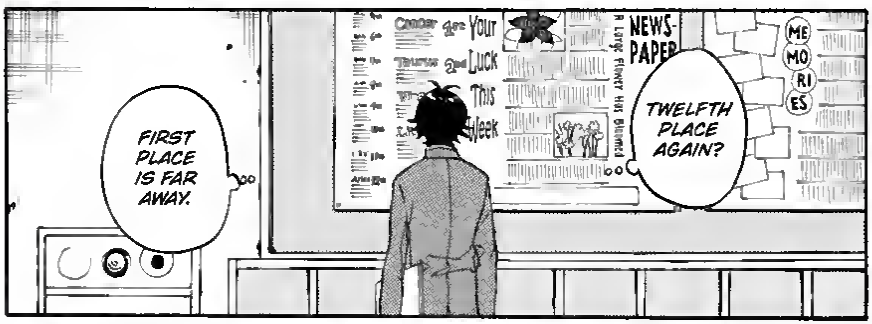
I'M JUST SO STU-PID!
GON (CONK)
HE WARNED ME NOT TO ACT LIKE I KNOW HIM!
WELL... I GUESS THAT'S THAT...
AND SO, HANDA'S MISTRUST OF PEOPLE GREW EVEN WORSE...
...AT LEAST, AT FIRST.
HE REALLY NEVER LETS ME DOWN.
TON (TAP)
WEARING GLOVES SO IT WON'T GET DIRTY
HEH-HEH...
...IT EASED UP A LITTLE.
BUT WHEN HASEGAWA LENT HANZAWA THE BASKETBALL MANGA LIKE HE HAD PROMISED...
Kawa-chan, Lend these to Hanzawa! Hasegawa

IT ALL STARTED WHEN I READ MY FRIEND'S PALM LIKE I'D SEEN DONE ON TV.
MIYO-CHAN, YOU'RE THE TYPE TO COMMIT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.
WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT!
THAT'S AMAZING, TSUGUMI-CHAN!
IT MAY BE BECAUSE I HAD THE KIND OF PERSON-ALITY TO BE EASILY OBSESSED...
...THAT I REALLY GOT INTO FORTUNE-TELLING.
FORTUNE-TELLING
Is Fate Determined by Your Palm Line?
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS WELL-KNOWN AT SCHOOL FOR MY HIGHLY ACCURATE FORTUNE-TELLING.
DID YOU START ANY LESSONS RECENTLY?
LIKE PENMAN-SHIP?
HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
YOU'RE EVEN BET-TER THAN THE GREAT MADAME FORTUNES!
SIGN FORTUNES
YOU SHOULD TOTALLY BECOME A FORTUNE-TELLER.
OH, I'M NOT...
...THAT GOOD...
I ADMIT THAT THE IDEA OF BECOMING A FORTUNE-TELLER HAS OCCURRED TO ME.

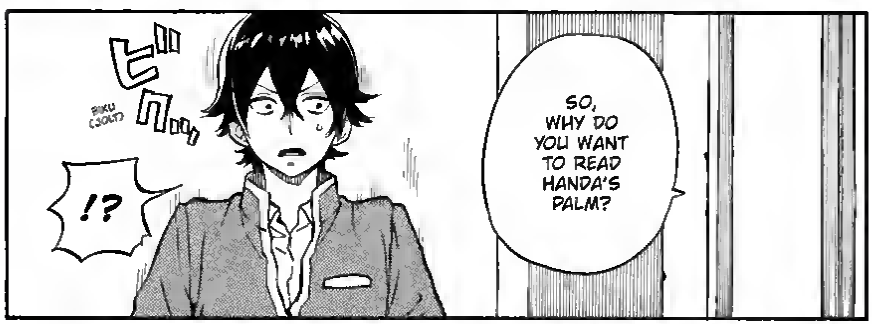
IF ONLY...
...I HAD THE CHANCE TO REALLY TEST MY SKILLS.....

YOU WANT TO READ HANDA-KUN'S PALM?
2-7
HANDA-KUN DOESN'T BELIEVE IN FORTUNE-TELLING (I ASSUME).
HE'D NEVER AGREE TO A PALM READING.
THAT'S A PRETTY TALL ORDER.
REO-KUN, YOU'RE FRIVOLOUS, STUPID, FLASHY, AND CAN'T TAKE A HINT.
I'D LIKE MINE READ TOO.
BUT STILL, YOU ARE A FAMOUS FORTUNE-TELLER GIRL, TSUGUMI-CHAN.
THAT'S PRETTY EXTREME, AIZAWA-KUN.
IF NOTHING ELSE, WE COULD KNOCK HIM OUT FIRST AND THEN CHECK HIS PALM.
YOU SCARE ME.
MY FACE...? THAT'S ALMOST AN INSULT.
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.
WHAA? BUT YOU DIDN'T READ MY PALM...


THIS WEEK, MY LUCK IS...
Lucky Item: Frog
Aries 12th
Unfortunately, (;_;) this week you will receive an unexpected shock. Be prepared to return to your senses and quickly regain your footing.
Love looks to g
reasonably well.
Depending on h
hard you work,
will go well.
You will be fine
you consider yo
partner.
Lucky Color: Y
Lucky Item: I


FIRST PLACE IS FAR AWAY.
Cancer 4th Your Luck This Week
NEWS-PAPER
ME MO RI ES
TWELFTH PLACE AGAIN?

...THAT STILL WORRIES ME.
EVEN IF I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IN FORTUNE-TELLING...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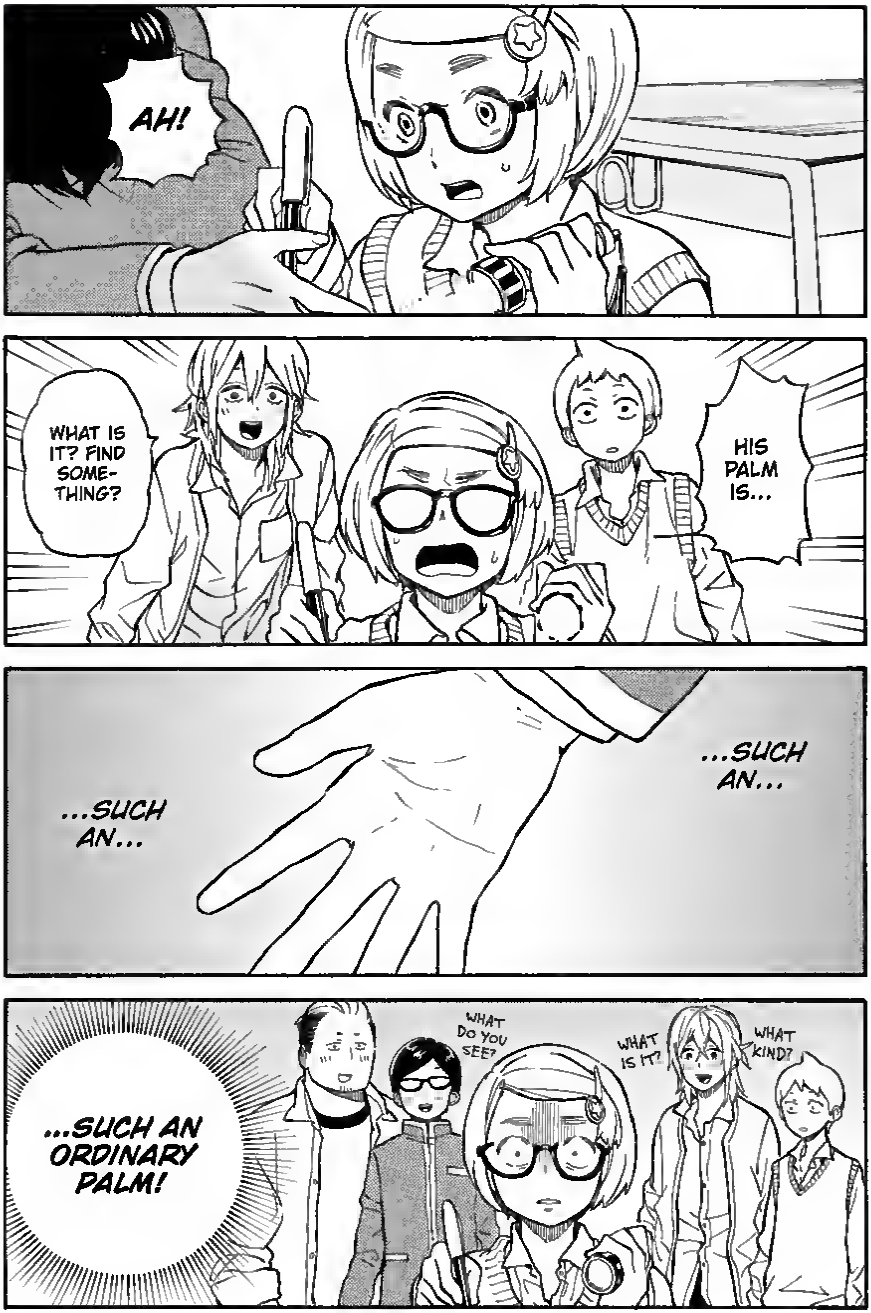
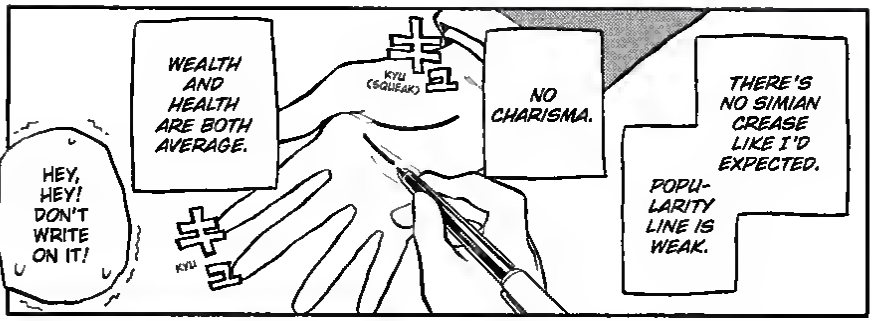
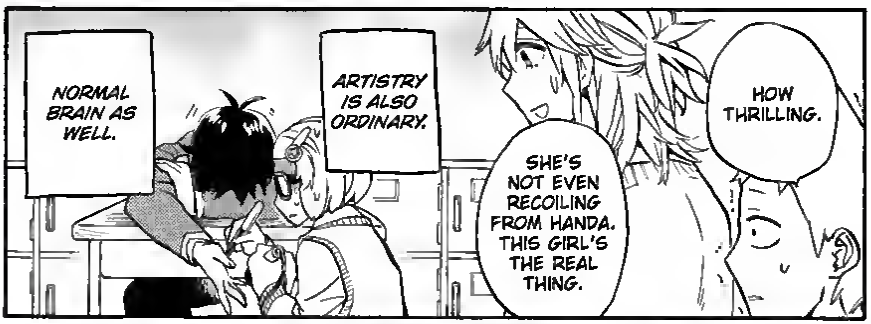
RIKU (SOLO)
!?
SO, WHY DO YOU WANT TO READ HANDA'S PALM?

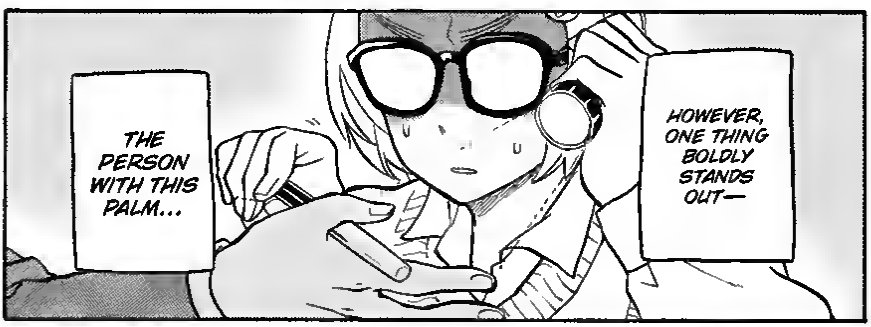
...SO I WANT TO READ AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN.
FORTUNE-TELLING IS ABOUT STATISTICS ...
WHAT'S THIS? WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME?
NOW I GET IT.
...AS WELL AS REALLY HATED PEOPLE. I WANT TO READ A FULL RANGE OF PALMS.
AH, NOW I GET IT.
REALLY POPULAR PEOPLE...
HANDA!
OH!
HE'S HERE.
WELL, IF I CAN BE OF USE TO SOMEONE JUST BY SHOWING MY PALM...
!?
SU (SNIFF)
...THEN I MIGHT AS WELL SHOW IT.

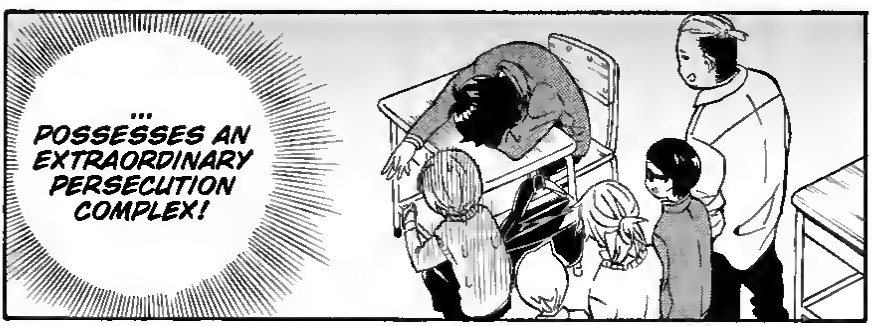
THERE'S NO WAY HE'S ACTUALLY SLEEPING LIKE THAT.
HE HAS HIS PALM OUT AND CLEARLY VISIBLE.
IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS...
HISO (PSST)
HISO
MAYBE HANDA HEARD WHAT WE WERE SAYING?
NOW I GET IT.
SO HE'S NON-CHALANTLY SHOWING HIS PALM TO PUT US AT EASE.
FOR MY SAKE?
DEEP DOWN, HANDA-KUN'S ACTUALLY OVER-FLOWING WITH KINDNESS.
WILL THIS POSE BE ALL RIGHT?
OR IS IT A BIT TOO UNNATURAL?
BIKU (JOLT)
PA (SHINE)
WELL, HERE I GO.
WHOA! SHE WENT RIGHT FOR IT!

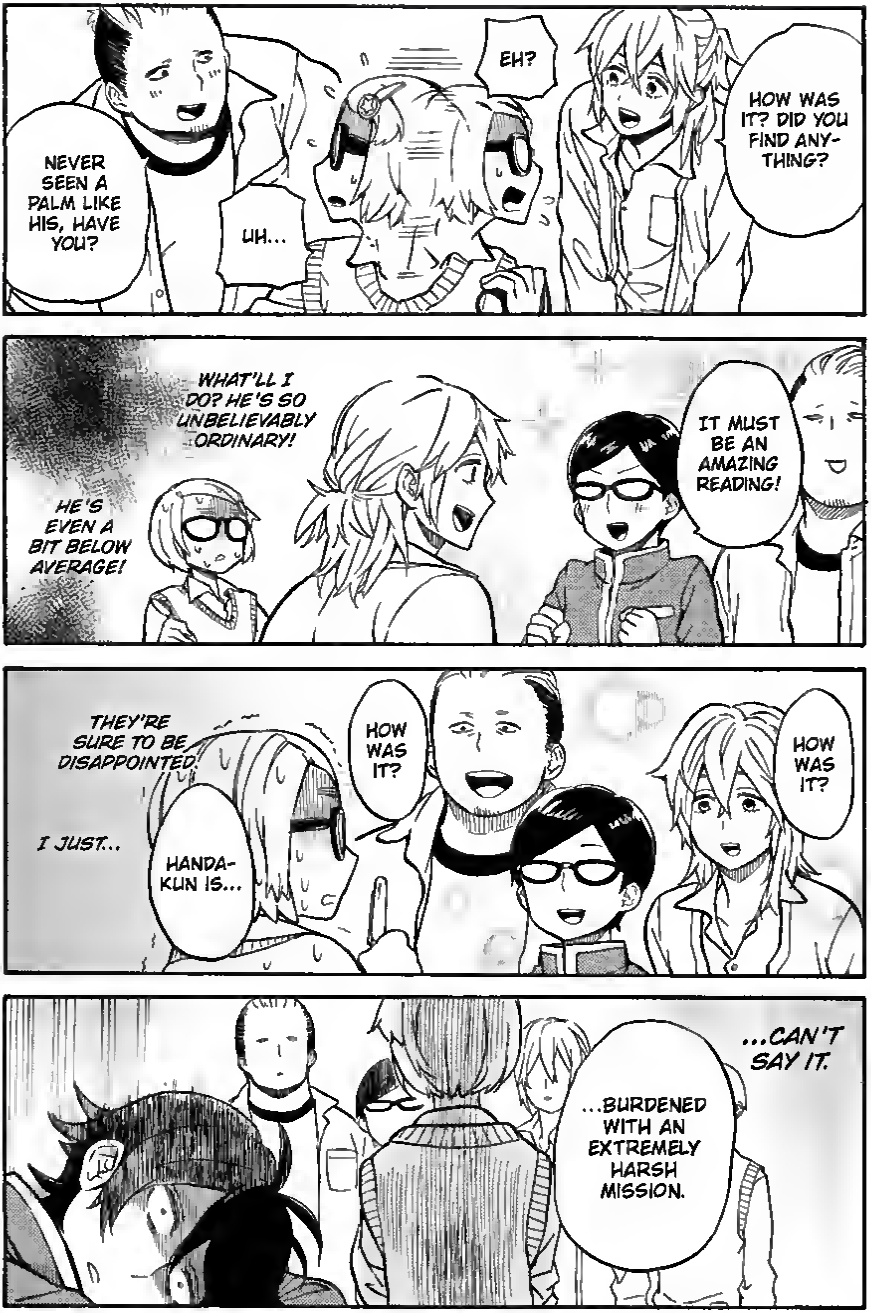

AH!
WHAT IS IT? FIND SOME-THING?
HIS PALM IS...
...SUCH AN...
...SUCH AN...
...SUCH AN ORDINARY PALM!
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT KIND?


HEY, HEY! DON'T WRITE ON IT!
WEALTH AND HEALTH ARE BOTH AVERAGE.
KYU (SQUEAK)
KYU
NO CHARISMA.
THERE'S NO SIMIAN CREASE LIKE I'D EXPECTED.
POPU-LARITY LINE IS WEAK.

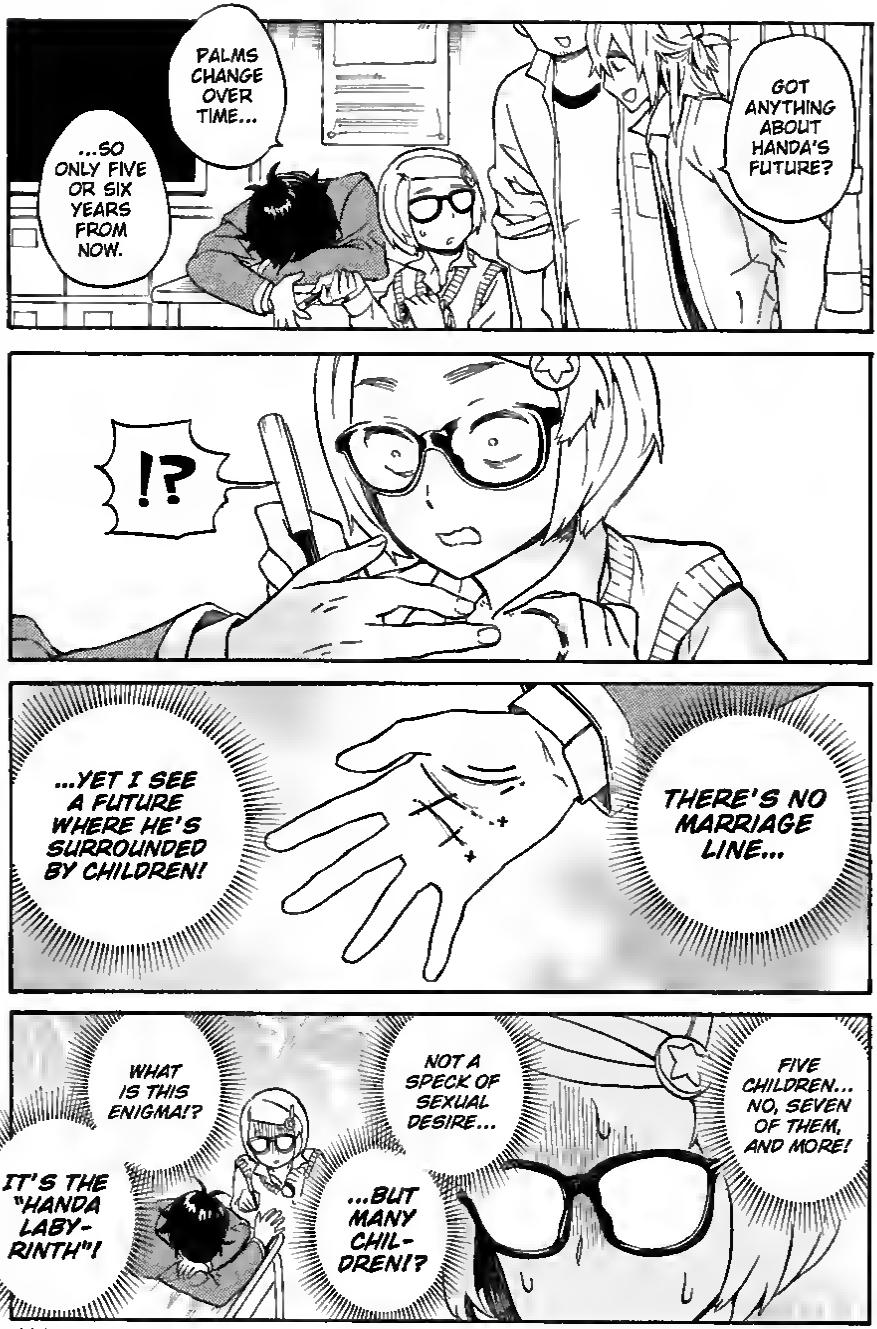

NORMAL BRAIN AS WELL.
ARTISTRY IS ALSO ORDINARY.
SHE'S NOT EVEN RECOILING FROM HANDA. THIS GIRL'S THE REAL THING.
HOW THRILLING.

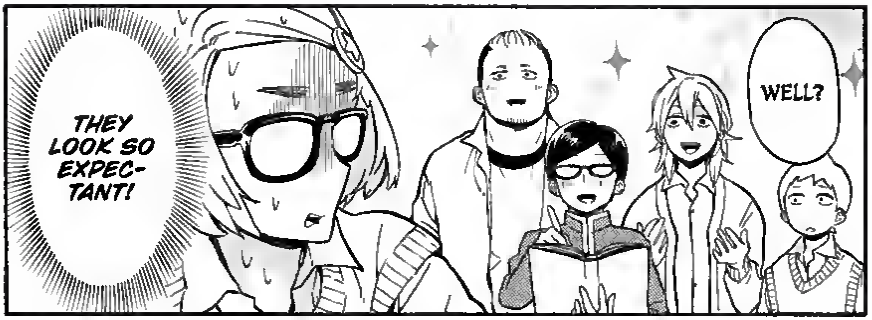

THE PERSON WITH THIS PALM...
HOWEVER, ONE THING BOLDLY STANDS OUT—

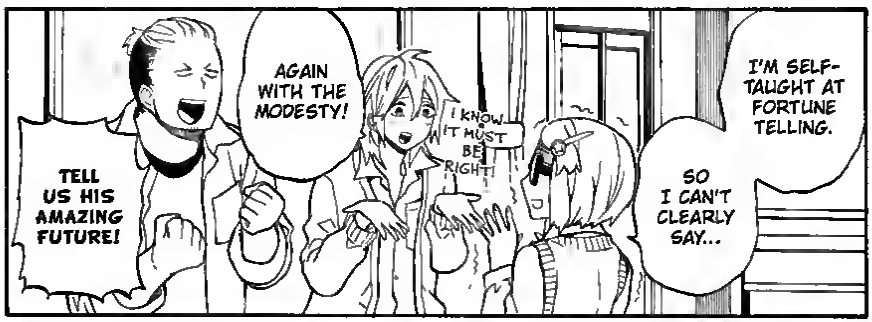

...POSSESSES AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSECUTION COMPLEX!

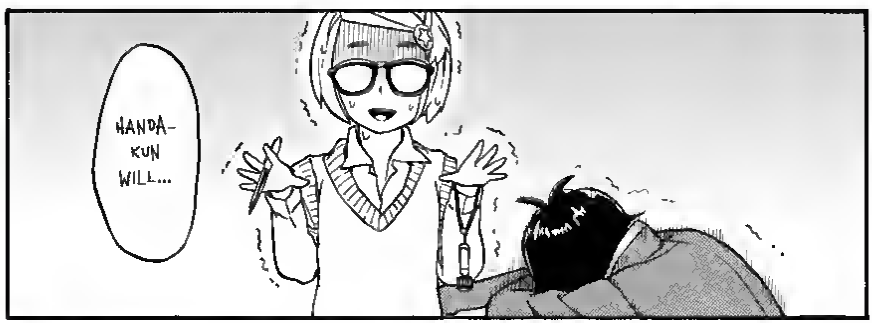

NEVER SEEN A PALM LIKE HIS, HAVE YOU?
UH...
EH?
HOW WAS IT? DID YOU FIND ANY-THING?
HE'S EVEN A BIT BELOW AVERAGE!
WHAT'LL I DO? HE'S SO UNBELIEVABLY ORDINARY!
IT MUST BE AN AMAZING READING!
I JUST...
HANDA-KUN IS...
THEY'RE SURE TO BE DISAPPOINTED!
HOW WAS IT?
HOW WAS IT?
...BURDENED WITH AN EXTREMELY HARSH MISSION.
...CAN'T SAY IT.

HARSH IN WHAT WAY?
REALLY!? I KNEW IT!
"HARSH"...?
OR A JOURNEY THROUGH AN ENDLESS DESERT...
IT'S LIKE E-ETERNAL SOLITUDE...
I DON'T HAVE MANY DETAILS...
WELL, UH...
"IN WHAT WAY"?
AND IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS LIFE'S JOURNEY!
HE'S SOLI-TARY!
WHOA !!
YOU GOT IT RIGHT, TSUGUMI-CHAN!
...REALLY, THIS THRILLED ABOUT MY MISFORTUNE?
ARE THESE GUYS...!
BE-YOND SALVA-TION!!
THE WHOLE NATION AFTER HIS LIFE...
YAY!
YAY!
DEEP DARK-NESS!
TO BE KILLED BY THE ONE HE LOVES...


PALMS CHANGE OVER TIME...
...SO ONLY FIVE OR SIX YEARS FROM NOW.
GOT ANYTHING ABOUT HANDA'S FUTURE?
!?
...YET I SEE A FUTURE WHERE HE'S SURROUNDED BY CHILDREN!
THERE'S NO MARRIAGE LINE...
WHAT IS THIS ENIGMA!?
IT'S THE "HANDA LABY-RINTH"!
NOT A SPECK OF SEXUAL DESIRE...
...BUT MANY CHIL-DREN!?
FIVE CHILDREN... NO, SEVEN OF THEM, AND MORE!


THEY LOOK SO EXPECTANT!
WELL?


TELL US HIS AMAZING FUTURE!
AGAIN WITH THE MODESTY!
I KNOW IT MUST BE RIGHT!
SO I CAN'T CLEARLY SAY...
I'M SELF-TAUGHT AT FORTUNE TELLING.

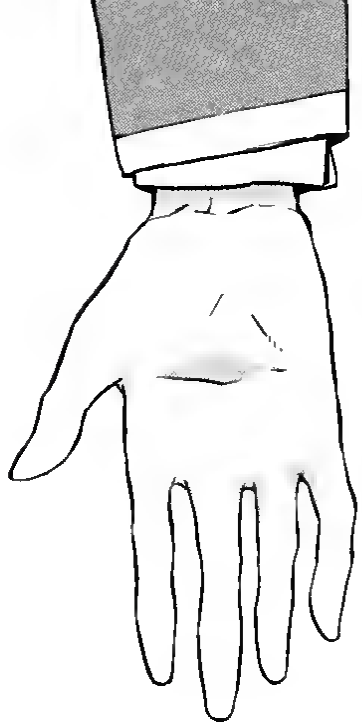

HANDA-KUN WILL...

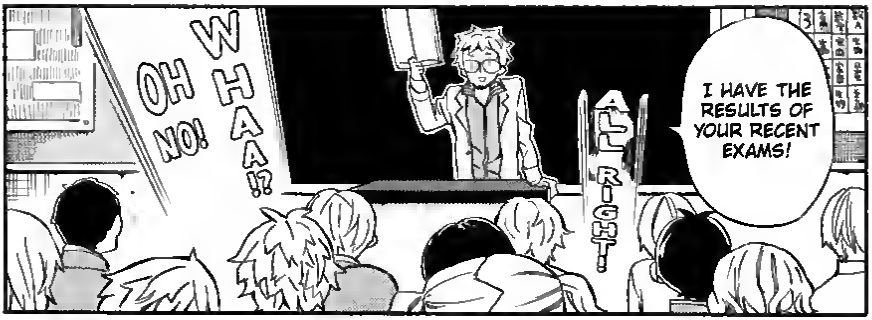
OOH! I KNEW IT!
AWE-SOME!
...NOT HAVE A RESPECTABLE LIFE... .....THAT'S ALL.

I'D BEEN CONCEITED.
I'M STILL JUST A NOVICE.
TO THINK, I COULDN'T READ HANDA-KUN'S PALM CORRECTLY.
HANDA-KUN TAUGHT ME THAT FACT.
UNTIL I HAVE THE ABILITY TO UNCOVER DETAILS AND EXPRESS THEM WITH CONFIDENCE, I CAN'T CALL MYSELF A TRUE FORTUNE-TELLER.
THANK YOU...
... HANDA-KUN.

SIIIIGH...
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S JUST FORTUNE-TELLING.
SIIIIIGH...
...BUT MY FUTURE'S PITCH-BLACK.
MY LIFE WAS ALREADY GRAY AT BEST...
AH...
LOOK AT ALL THE LINES SHE DREW!
BUT THE READING FELT SO GENUINE!
WELL...
THEY DID KNOW YOU WERE AWAKE, RIGHT?
LIVING IS TOO PAINFUL!
IT'S OVER FOR ME!

EH?
YOUR ACTUAL RESULTS WERE GOOD, BUT THEY SAID BAD ONES ON PURPOSE...
SO THEY WERE DOING IT TO HARASS YOU.
OHH!
NOW I GET IT!
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY DO HATE ME!
EXACTLY! HAVE CONFI-DENCE!
AHH, IT'S SO GOOD TO BE HATED!
HE'S SO SIMPLE.
HE NO LONGER KNEW WHAT WAS WHAT ANYMORE.





REPORTS: FIRST TERM TEST RESULTS

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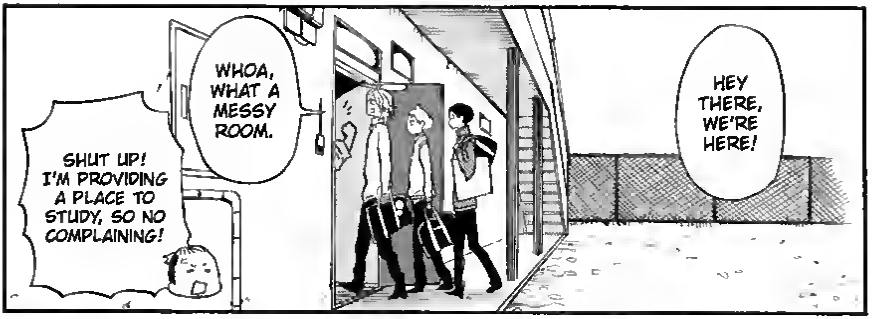
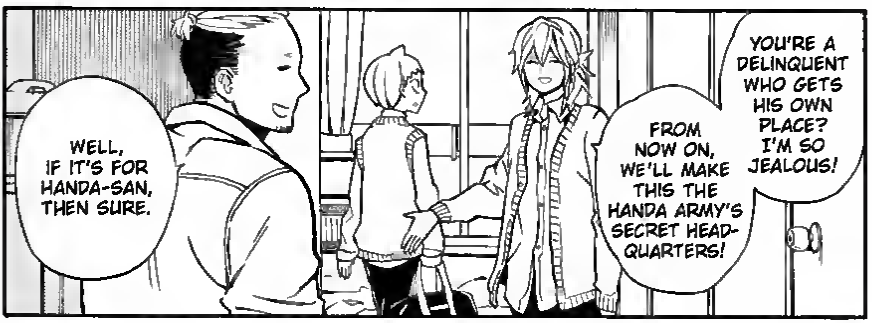
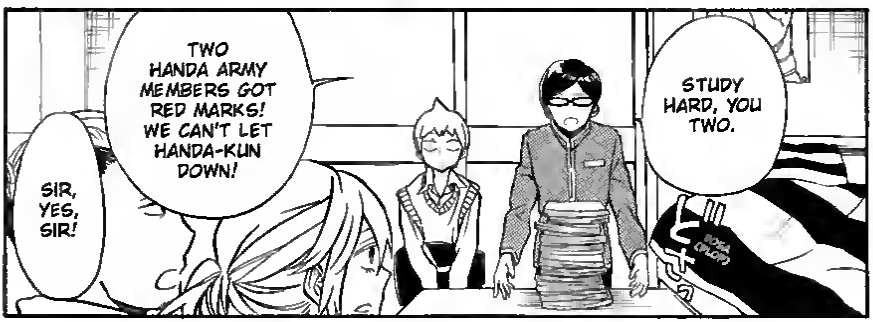
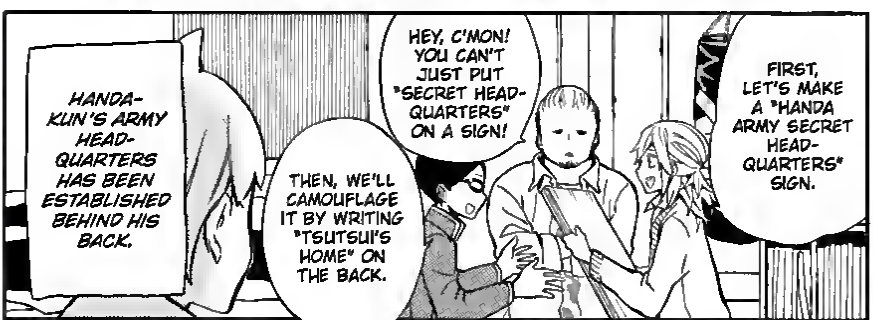
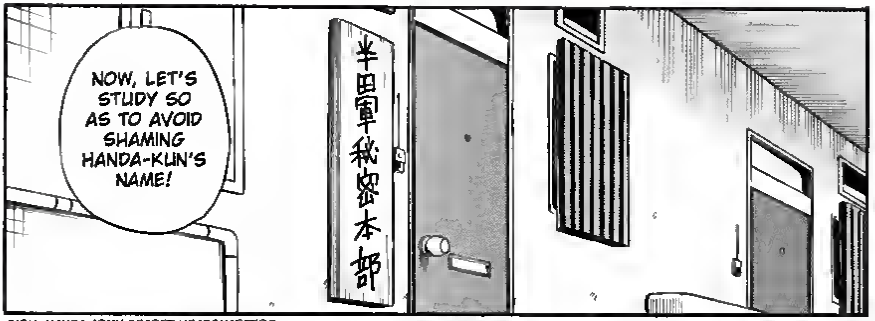
POSTER: CULTURE FESTIVAL


HEY THERE, WE'RE HERE!
WHOA, WHAT A MESSY ROOM.
SHUT UP! I'M PROVIDING A PLACE TO STUDY, SO NO COMPLAINING!

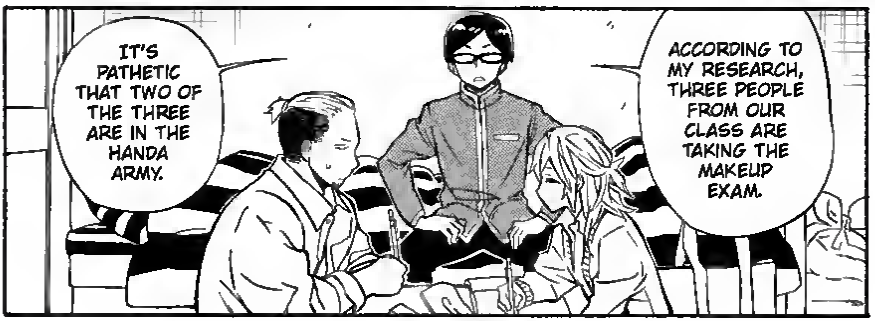

YOU'RE A DELINQUENT WHO GETS HIS OWN PLACE? I'M SO JEALOUS!
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL MAKE THIS THE HANDA ARMY'S SECRET HEAD-QUARTERS!
WELL, IF IT'S FOR HANDA-SAN, THEN SURE.

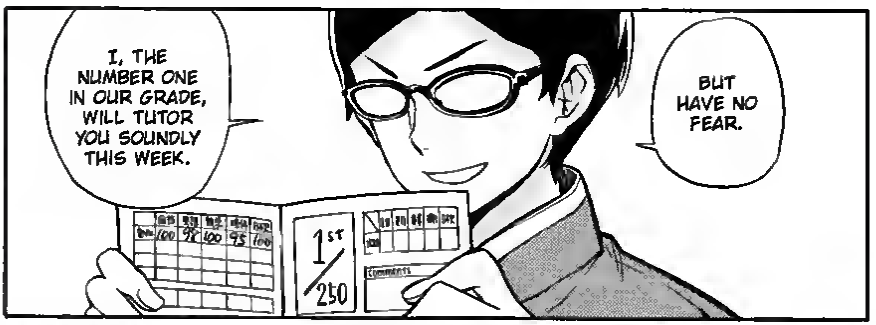

STUDY HARD, YOU TWO.
TWO HANDA ARMY MEMBERS GOT RED MARKS! WE CAN'T LET HANDA-KUN DOWN!
SIR, YES, SIR!


FIRST, LET'S MAKE A "HANDA ARMY SECRET HEAD-QUARTERS" SIGN.
HEY, C'MON! YOU CAN'T JUST PUT "SECRET HEAD-QUARTERS" ON A SIGN!
THEN, WE'LL CAMOUFLAGE IT BY WRITING "TSUTSUI'S HOME" ON THE BACK.
HANDA-KUN'S ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BEHIND HIS BACK.



SIGN: HANDA ARMY SECRET HEADQUARTERS


IT'S PATHETIC THAT TWO OF THE THREE ARE IN THE HANDA ARMY.
ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH, THREE PEOPLE FROM OUR CLASS ARE TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM.



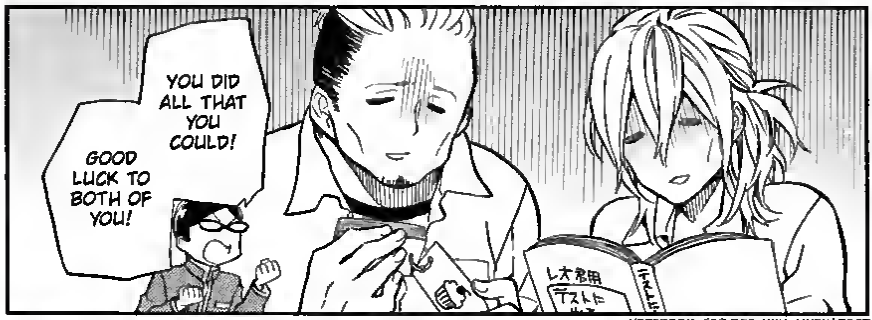
IF AIZAWA GOT FIRST PLACE...
IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME...
AH!
...THEN WHICH PLACE DID HANDA GET?
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DID HAPPEN TO GET FIRST PLACE...
...BUT IT IS STRANGE.
I'D THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D GET FIRST PLACE.
GOOD POINT, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
THERE'S NO WAY!
THEN IT'D BE LIKE HANDA LOST TO AIZAWA!
DOESN'T THAT JUST MEAN HE GOT SECOND PLACE IN-STEAD?

THAT'S RIGHT!! HANDA-SAN SHOULD ALWAYS BE NUMBER ONE!
IT'S NOT LIKE HANDA TO BE ANYTHING BESIDES FIRST PLACE!
I CAN THINK OF ONE POSSIBILITY.
WHAT IF HE CHOSE NOT TO GET FIRST PLACE ON PURPOSE?
HEY, LET'S STUDY.
WHY WOULD HANDA EVER DO THAT!?
SAY WHAT!?

HANDA-KUN IS MORE OF A CALLIGRAPHER THAN A STUDENT.
HE PREFERS NOT TO STAND OUT AT SCHOOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
SO HE'S THAT DEAD SET ON BEING A SHADOWY FIGURE?
HE MUST WORRY THAT IF HE SCREWS UP...
...AND SHOWS OFF HOW SMART HE IS, THEN HIS STUDIES WILL GET IN THE WAY OF HIS JOB.
YES. THAT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN STUDYING!
IT'S NATURAL TO WORRY MORE ABOUT THE FUTURE AT THIS TIME OF LIFE!
HE'S JUST SOOOO COOO-OOL!
UM, LET'S STUDY?

DO YOUR BEST, TEAM MAKEUP EXAM!
ME TOO!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL STUDY HARD FOR HANDA-SAN'S SAKE!
I AGREE. IF ANYTHING, I'D LIKE EVERY-BODY IN CLASS TO CLEAR THE TEST.
...WE SHOULD HAVE INVITED HIM TOO.
IF THERE'S ONE OTHER GUY TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM BESIDES US...
DAMN, THAT'S PUSHY.
YEAH, 'COS THE CLASS'S SHAME IS HANDA-SAN'S SHAME!
LET'S STUDY ALREADY.
FOR HANDA-SAN'S SAKE!
FOR HANDA-KUN'S SAKE!
FOR HANDA'S SAKE!
田軍秘密本部

SIGN: HANDA ARMY SECRET HEADQUARTERS



NOTEBOOK: FOR REO-KUN, LIKELY TEST

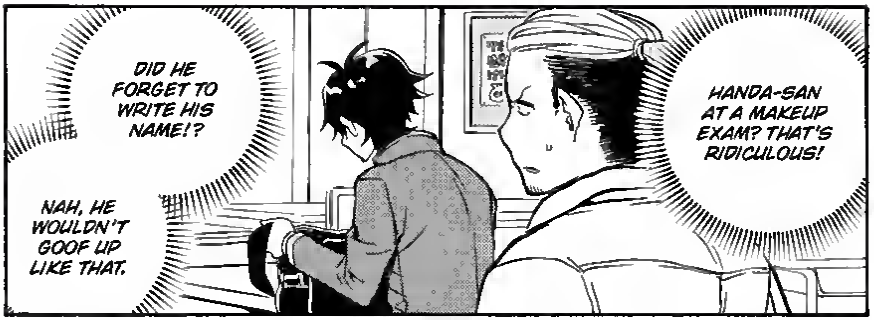
HEH-HEH. YOU'RE BOTH LOOKING GREAT.
AS IDIOTS ANYWAY.
KILL IT! KILL THAT NIGHTIN-GALE!
IF 794, IT WILL SING.
NOV. 29: A GOOD MEAT DAY.
1192: FORM A GOOD COUNTRY.

NOTEBOOK: TEST NOTEBOOK

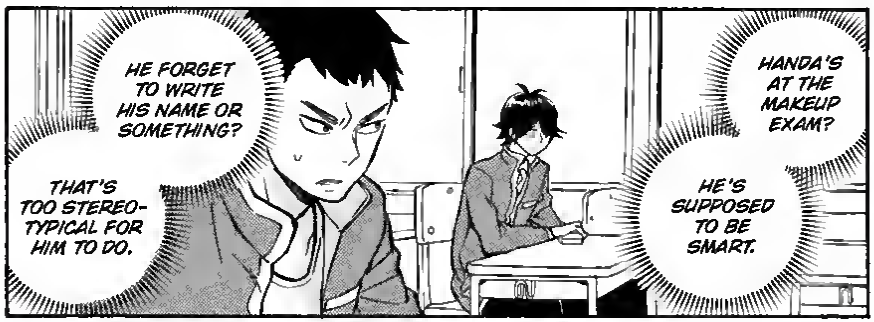
POSTER: BIG CLEANING MONTH

GUESS I'LL BE GOOD AND DO THE MAKEUP TEST.
!?
HEY! DANGEROUS HIGASHINO!
YOU CAN'T JUST SIT IN HANDA-SAN'S SEAT!
THE HELL?
THE BOARD SAYS WE CAN SIT WHERE WE LIKE.
IF A BARF-HAPPY IDIOT LIKE YOU SITS THERE, HIS DESK WILL GET FILTHY.
EXACTLY! SO I'LL SIT THERE!
BOARD: STUDENTS FROM OTHER CLASSES CAN SIT WHEREVER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "BARF-HAPPY"!?
WE MUST DEFEND HANDA'S DESK!
EVEN WITHOUT HIM HERE, IT'S SACRED GROUND!
DUMBASS! YOU WANT HANDA TO HAVE TO SIT AT THAT SEAT AFTER YOU DO!?
ONCE!! LET ME SIT HERE JUST ONCE!

POSTER: CULTURE FESTIVAL RECRUITING, JOIN US!


DID HE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME!?
NAH, HE WOULDN'T GOOF UP LIKE THAT.
HANDA-SAN AT A MAKEUP EXAM? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

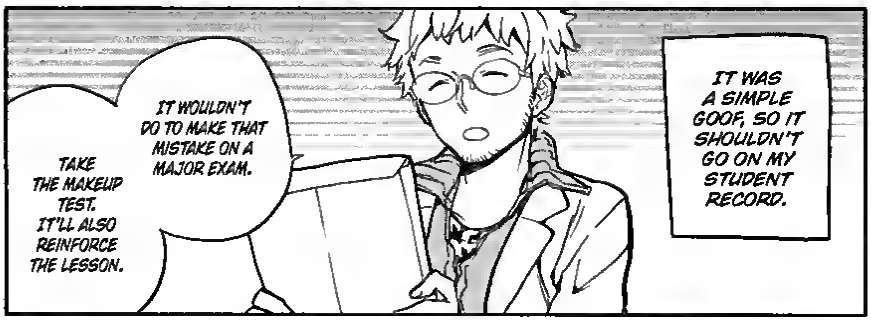
MAYBE HIS NAME? DID HE FORGET TO WRITE IT DOWN!?
NO, HE WOULDN'T DO THAT.
WHAT WOULD GET HANDA HIT WITH A MAKEUP EXAM!?


HE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S TOO STEREO-TYPICAL FOR HIM TO DO.
HANDA'S AT THE MAKEUP EXAM?
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SMART.

BUT HE WOULDN'T DO A BLOCK-HEADED THING LIKE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME.
FOR HANDA-KUN, A MAKEUP EXAM IS UNTHINKABLE.

WHY IS HANDA TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM!?
SIGH...
HOW DID I EVER MANAGE...
...TO FORGET TO WRITE MY NAME?

POSTER: STUDENTS, LET'S SELL BALLS TO SET UP A FUND.


IT WAS A SIMPLE GOOF, SO IT SHOULDN'T GO ON MY STUDENT RECORD.
IT WOULDN'T DO TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE ON A MAJOR EXAM.
TAKE THE MAKEUP TEST. IT'LL ALSO REINFORCE THE LESSON.

I GET TO TAKE AN EXAM IN THE SAME ROOM AS HANDA-KUN!
I'M SO EXCITED!
OH CRAP, OH CRAP!
I HAVE TO FOCUS!
IT'S LIKE I SHOULD KNOW IT...
...BUT I DON'T.
URGH!
WHAT'S THE ANSWER TO THIS ONE?
AHH...
つピぇ
THINK ...
THINK ...
!?
...CHOO!

A SNEEZE.
HANDA-SAN SNEEZED...
KAAAA (BLUSH)
カァァァァ
SHOOT! IT'S SO QUIET...
...THAT WAS LOUDER THAN I EXPECTED.
SO EVEN HANDA SNEEZES.
ARE THEY ALL MAD AT ME?
SOWA (FIDGET)
そわ
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TO HEAR HANDA-KUN SNEEZE SO CLEARLY.
WHAT A RARE EVENT!
I CAN FEEL THIS SENSE OF KINSHIP...
KARI
カリカリカリカリ
HOW EMBARRASSING...
KARI (SCRATCH)
カリ
THAT'S TRUE. HANDA IS HUMAN TOO.
OF COURSE HE SNEEZES.
WHY'S HE MAKING SUCH A RACKET WRITING!?
!?
カリカリカリカリカリカリカリカリ

HE'S WRITING REALLY LOUDLY.
MAYBE BECAUSE HE NORMALLY USES A BRUSH...
...HE CAN'T MODERATE HIS PENCIL NOISES?
KARI
SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S ESPECIALLY RARE!
I'D NEVER NOTICED THAT HE HAD A HABIT LIKE THAT BEFORE.
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, LOUD WRITING IS MY NEW PASSION.
I'LL TRY DOING IT TOO.
HEH-HEH! THAT'S OUR SPEEDY HANDA!
IT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE THIS SOUND.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE...
...BUT MY PENCIL STILL KEEPS MOVING!
HE'S EGGING US ON WITH THE SOUND OF HIS PENCIL.

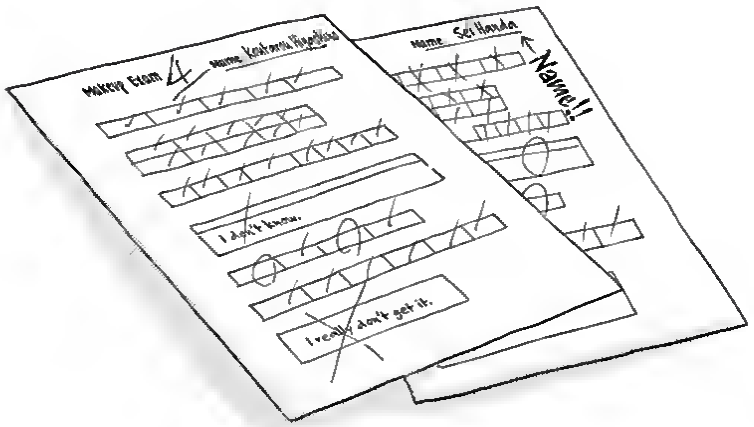
RIGHT NOW, THE CLASS-ROOM IS UNITED...
...IN FIGHTING ALONG WITH HANDA!
...THEY'RE BEING EX-CESSIVELY NOISY TODAY...
SOME-HOW...
KARI (CONTINUED)

OKAY, TIME'S UP!
TURN YOUR PAPERS OVER AND HAND THEM IN!
キーンコーンカーンコーン
KAAN (DANG)
KIIN (DING)
KOOON (DONG)
AH!
HOW DID IT GO?
ZORO
ゾロ
ZORO CETREARO
ゾロ
IT WAS FUN!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT WAS REALLY FUN!
HEY THERE, AIZAWA!
EH!? WHAT HAPPENED?
PLEASE EXPLAIN...
I'VE NEVER SOLVED TEST PROBLEMS THIS EASILY BEFORE!
WE FOUGHT AS ONE WITH HANDA.

THE NEXT DAY
AIZAWA, LOOK AT THIS!
OHH...
IT'S THANKS TO YOU TUTORING US!
WE GOT PASSING SCORES!
Makeup Exam
42
Makeup Exam
45
GOOD FOR YOU.
BUT STILL...
DON'T BE SILLY.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU TWO WORKED SO HARD.
IS IT!?
THAT'S TRUE.
YEAH.
...THE REASON YOU COULD UNLEASH YOUR ABILITIES WAS ALL DUE TO HANDA-KUN.

WE'D THOUGHT HANDA MISSED FIRST PLACE...
...BECAUSE HE WANTED TO PRIORITIZE HIS WORK OVER STUDIES...
...BUT HE'S NOT THAT SMALL OF A MAN.
HANDA-SAN CAME TO THE MAKEUP EXAM SITE HIMSELF...
...SO AS NOT TO ABANDON US DUNCES.
WE SAID WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE HANDA-KUN LOSE FACE...
...BUT IT WAS HANDA-KUN WHO LOST FACE FOR OUR SAKES.
WHAT A GREAT MAN HANDA-KUN IS

TO BE CONTINUED IN HANDA-KUN 4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I don't know.
I really don't get it.
Name Sei Honda
Name!!

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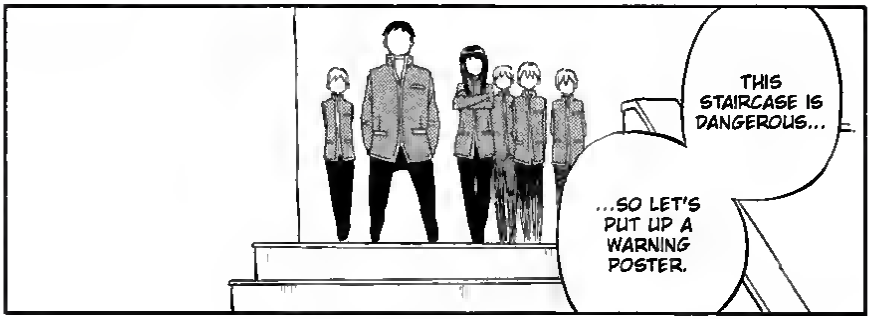
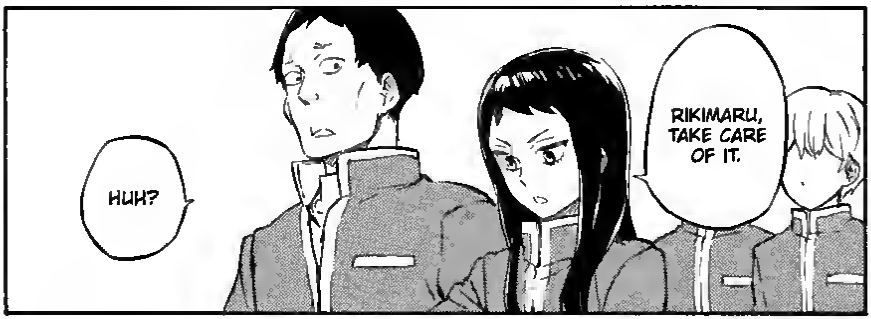
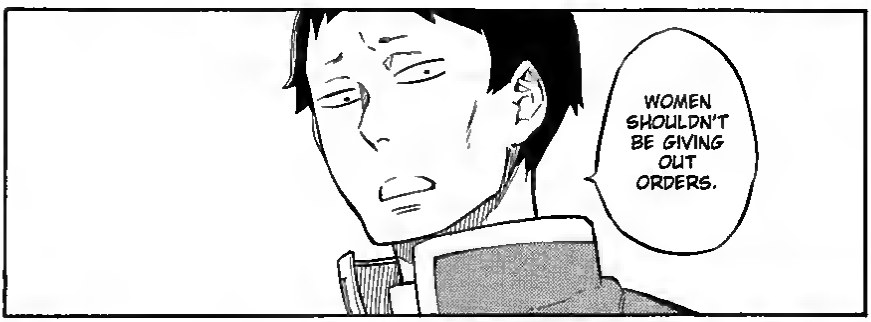
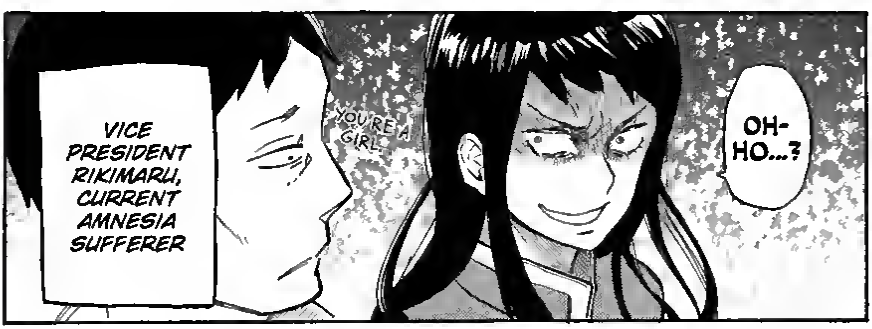
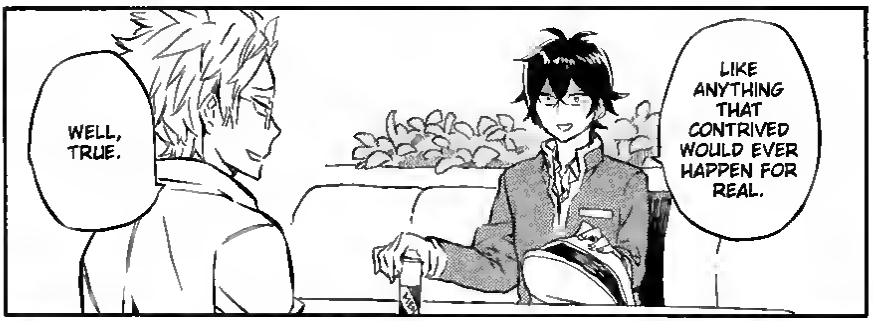

THIS STAIRCASE IS DANGEROUS...
...SO LET'S PUT UP A WARNING POSTER.

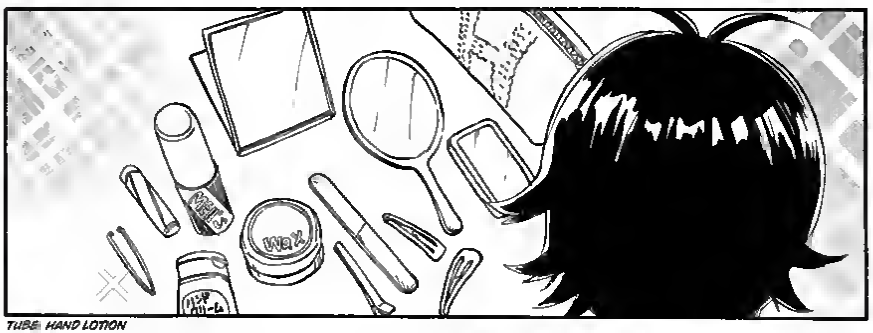

HUH?
RIKIMARU, TAKE CARE OF IT.


WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE GIVING OUT ORDERS.


VICE PRESIDENT RIKIMARU, CURRENT AMNESIA SUFFERER
YOU'RE A GIRL
OH-HO...?

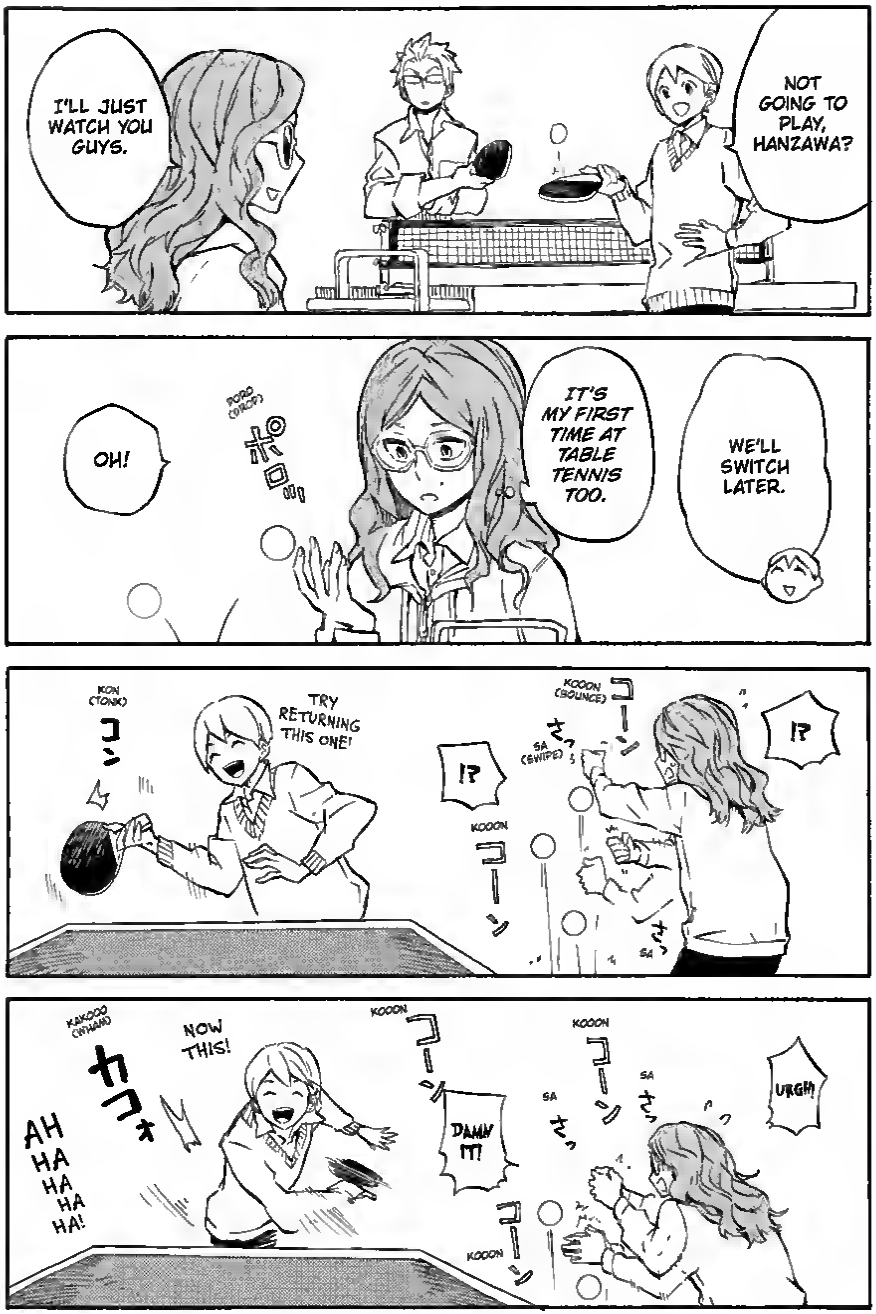
HANDA-KUN WITH HIS MEMORY BACK



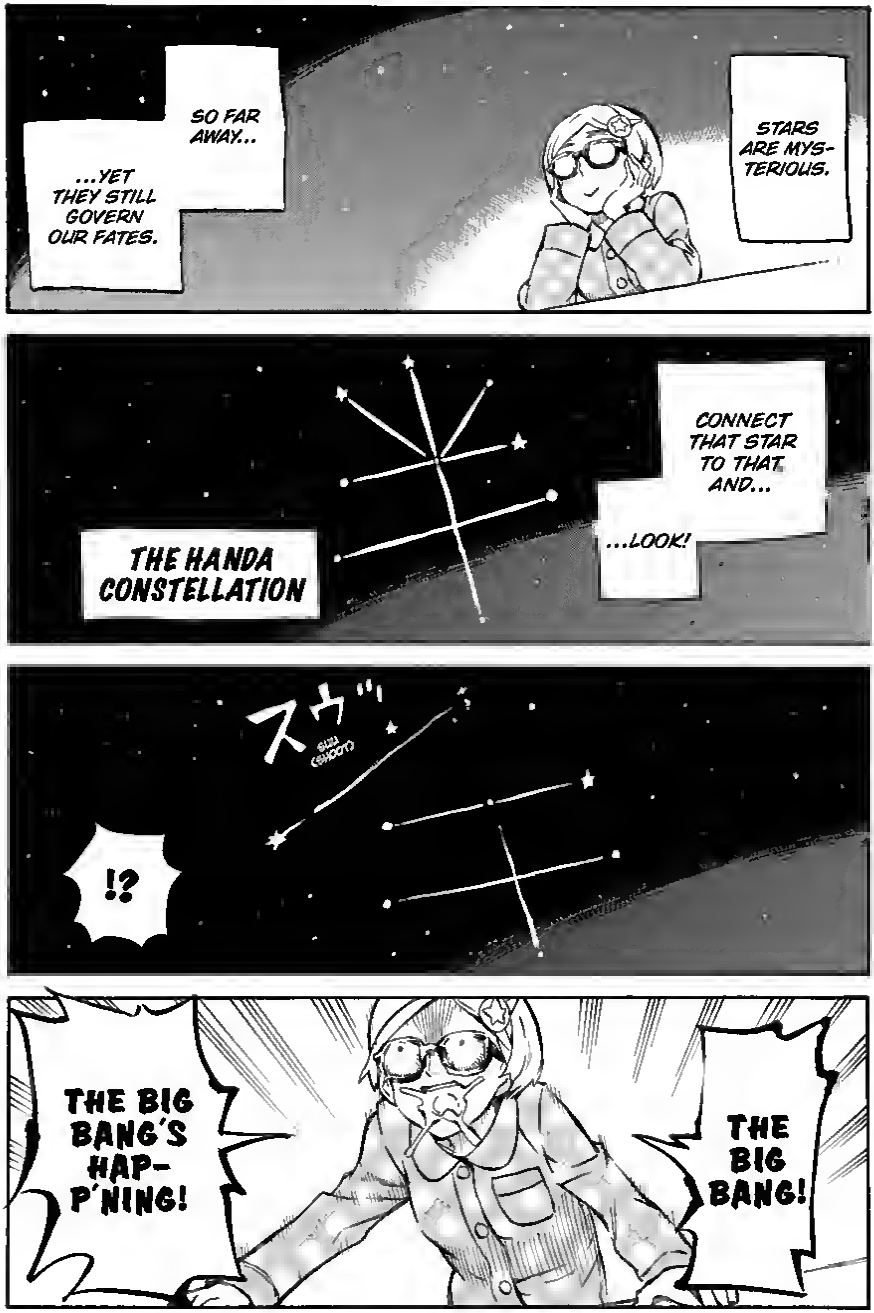


TUBE: HAND LOTION

THEY ALSO PLAYED TABLE TENNIS

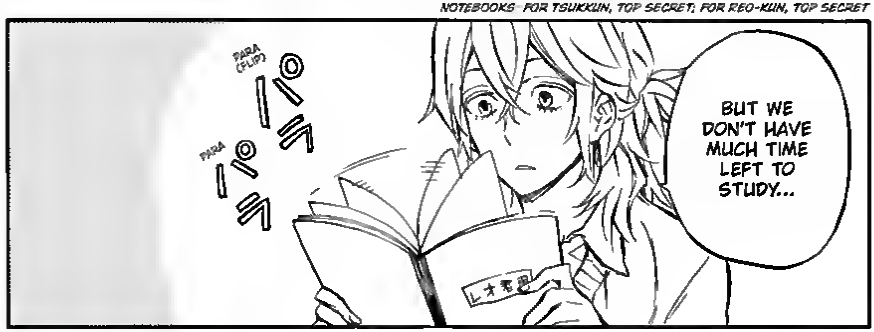


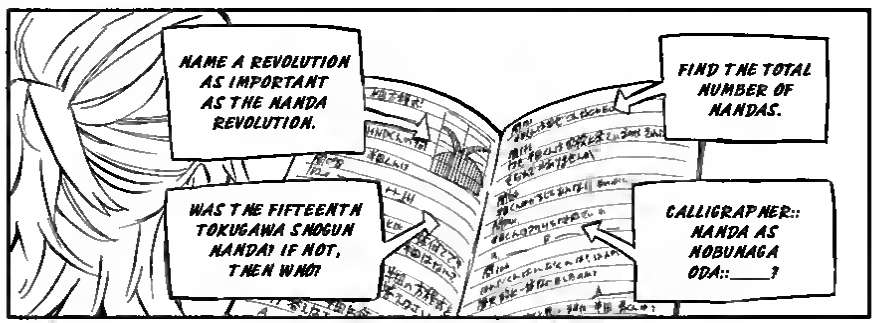
FORTUNE-TELLING GIRL'S NIGHT



AIZAWA'S NOTES FOR CERTAIN VICTORY

NOTEBOOKS: FOR TSUKKUN, TOP SECRET; FOR REO-KUN, TOP SECRET



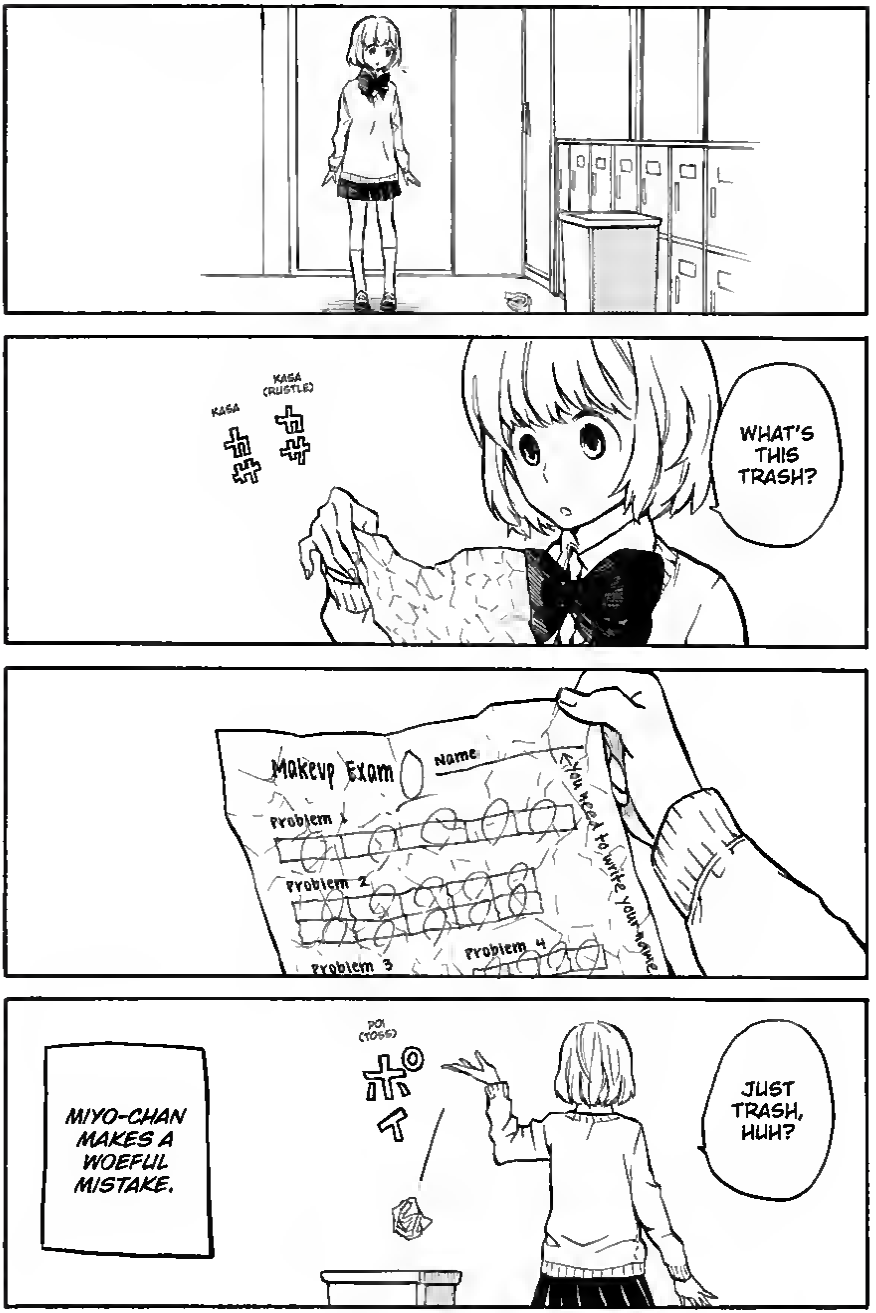

NAME A REVOLUTION AS IMPORTANT AS THE NANDA REVOLUTION.
FIND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NANDAS.
WAS THE FIFTEENTH TOKUGAWA SHOGUN NANDA? IF NOT, THEN WHO?
CALLIGRAPHER:: NANDA AS NOBUNAGA ODA::____?

KAWAFUJI'S TURN OF PHRASE

EH!?
WHAT BROUGHT THAT UP?
...I'M GOING TO AMERICA.
AFTER I GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL...
I SEE... SO YOU'RE SERIOUS, KAWAFUJI.
IN AMERICA, I'LL SEE THINGS THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE.
OH NO!
PLEASE, KAWAFUJI, DON'T EVER CHANGE!
TO CLINCH MY DECISION, I'LL GO GET A TATTOO OR SOMETHING.
OHH...
YOU MEANT JUST A TRIP...
THINK THREE NIGHTS AND FIVE DAYS WOULD BE LONG ENOUGH?

TODAY'S THE DAY I CONQUER MY HND SYNDROME!
THAT WAS QUICK!
BLARGH!
BRING IT ON, FAKE HANDA!
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
JUST GIVE UP ALREADY.
YOU'LL NEVER MANAGE TO RECOVER.
YOU'RE AWFULLY ACCEPTING OF THIS...
CHECK IT OUT. THERE'RE CARROTS I HAD FOR BREAKFAST IN MY BARF.

HANDA-KUN'S MAKEUP EXAM ANSWERS



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HANDA-KUN NEWS

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Thank you all very much for buying Volume 3 of *Handa-kun*! Due to your passionate support, we are following up the rubber straps with a second wave of Handa-kun send-away goods...! This time, it's the Yoshino-sensei-designed pouch that Reo-kun is wearing on this volume's cover! Large enough to hold a smartphone, this excellent functional item also comes with a snapring you can use to attach it to your bag! You can obtain it by turning in the send-away request form included in *Monthly Shonen Gangan* Feb. issues (now on sale) or Mar. issues (on sale 2/12), so be sure to check those out! Additionally, the Feb. issue includes a special pack-in "Handa-kun Deluxe 2015 Schedule Book"!! Earning the nickname of "Special-Design Demon" (lol), Yoshino-sensei has been working hard early in the new year to provide the special-designed illustrations used for the schedule book, in matching color and monochrome, for a total of twenty-four! Don't miss "Satsuki Yoshino's First Special Design of 2015"! Well then, I sincerely hope to see you all again in Volume 4!

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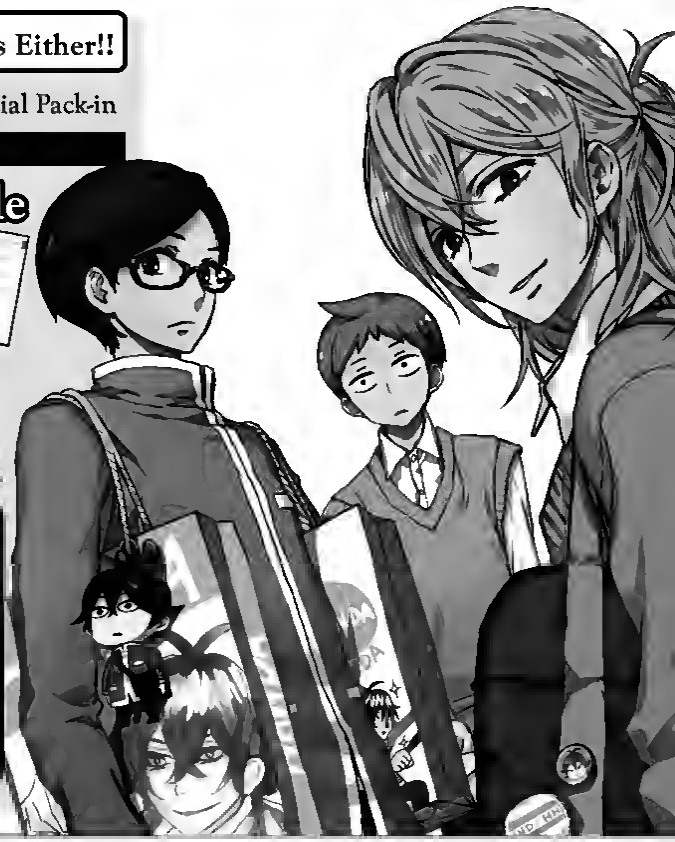

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COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls, also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei: A Japanese term of respect commonly used for teachers, but can also refer to doctors, writers, and artists.

Calligraphy: Japanese calligraphy has a long history and tradition, with roots stemming from ancient China. One of the traditions carried over was the Chinese expression of the "Four Treasures," which refers to the brush, ink, paper, and inkstone used in calligraphy. Traditionally, an inkstick—solidified ink—is ground against an inkstone filled with water in order to produce ink with which to write. This time consuming process helped to teach patience, which is important in the art of calligraphy. However, modern advances have developed a bottled liquid ink, commonly used by beginners and within the Japanese school system.

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Sewerko: In Japanese, the boys called Sawaka "Sakeha" from *saba* (mackerel).

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carnivore girls: *"Nikushoku joshi"* is an actual recent Japanese term for women who are more aggressive and demanding of sex. The contrasting term *"soushoku danshi* (herbivore boys)," refers to men who are more passive when it comes to sex. In the manga, they're depicting the girls' lust as literal gluttony for comic effect.

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The first hint that Hando's lost his memory and had a personality change is his unusually friendly manner. In Japanese, this is compounded by him referring to himself with a different male first-person pronoun: the more childish *boku* instead of his usual harsher *ore*.

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wall-bang: *"Kabe don"* is a term that has recently been used for supposedly romantic situations, when the guy hits his arm against the wall next to the girl as a way to corner her, either possessively or hostilely. When Hando bangs his right foot, the implication is that he's now hanging from the wall like an insert, in an impossible parody pose called *"semi-don* (cicada-bang)."

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"Everybody hates me": In Japanese, this line is the same as in the previous panel, except Hando's gone back to using first-person pronoun *ore* instead of *boku*, indicating that he's regained his memory and former personality.

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Mon Quixote: A parody name for the Don Quixote chain of stores.

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"Os is 'double payback'?": "Double payback (*baigaeshi*)" is a key phrase from the novel and TV series *Hanzawa Naoki*, about a banker dealing with corruption and conspiracies by his higher-ups.

PAGE 69

American Joke: In Japan, this refers to a joke that isn't funny and/or makes no sense. Basically a result of actual jokes by foreigners not making sense, due to not having the shared cultural background, etc.

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sports pecking order: School sports teams in Japan tend to be very hierarchical and militaristic, with complete obedience expected toward seniors (*senpais*).

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The things that Geo and Tsukkun are muttering are examples of *gorooawase*, mnemonics that use Japanese number syllables to turn dates, years, etc., into phrases.

"1192: Form a good country": 1192 was the start of the Kamakura period, when Minamoto no Yoritomo became the first shogun of Japan. Said as the syllables *i-i ku ni*, it sounds like "good country."

"Nov. 29: A good meat day": Nov. 29, i.e., 11/29, is the anniversary of the Japanese Imperial Diet first convening in 1890, and sounds like "good meat" when read out (*i-i-ni-ku*).

"If 794, it will sing." / "Kill that nightingale!": The mnemonic, *"Naku yo, uguisu* (Sing, nightingale), *Heian-kyo"* helps Japanese to remember that the capital moved to Heian-kyo (later called "Kyoto") in *794* (*na-ku yo*). However, Tsukkun and Rea have mixed it up with a famous anecdote that uses a different songbird to illustrate the attitudes of the three Warring States generals, Nobunaga Oda, Hideyoshi Toyotami, and Ieyasu Tokugawa. All start with "If the cuckoo doesn't sing (*Hototogisu nakanu nara*) ..." and Oda is the one who finishes the sentence with "Kill it!"

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H, He, ... Ca: Tsukkun is actually reciting a Japanese mnemonic phrase to help remember the order of those atomic elements in the periodic table. Hydrogen is pronounced like its Japanese name "*suiso*," otherwise, they read off as:

H He Li Be B C NO F Ne Na Mg Al Si P S Cl Ar K Ca

"Suiheiri Libe, boku no fune, nana-magaru ships Clark ka"

(Sailor Libe, my boat, spiraling ships, is it Clark?)

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the Handa constellation: The connected stars create the kanji character for "Han," hence the Handa constellation.

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Three nights and five days: "Days" are the number of days away from home, while "nights" count the number of nights spent at a hotel for that part. So, the "missing" night is an overnight on the plane, usually the flight from Japan to the United States.

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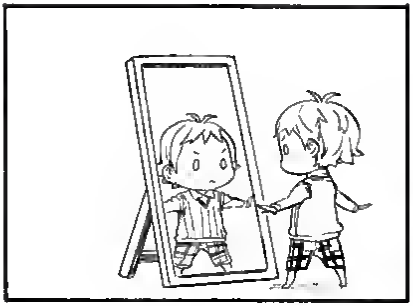
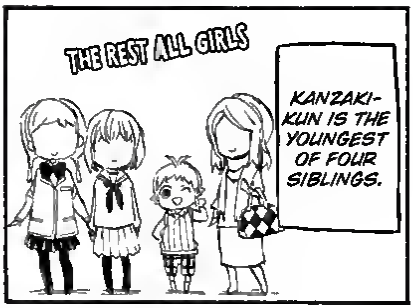
MEANWHILE, IN BARAKAMON

Two

One

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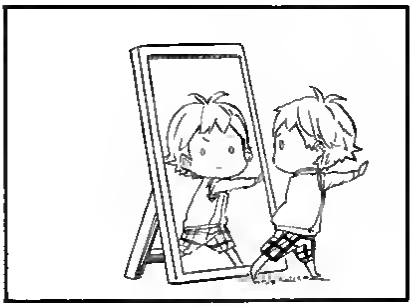

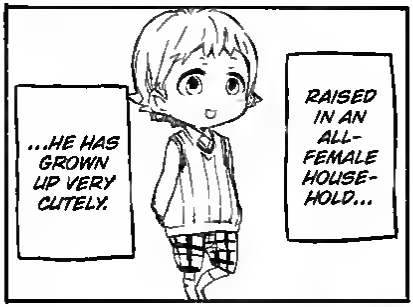
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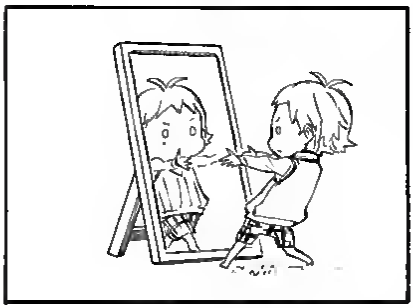

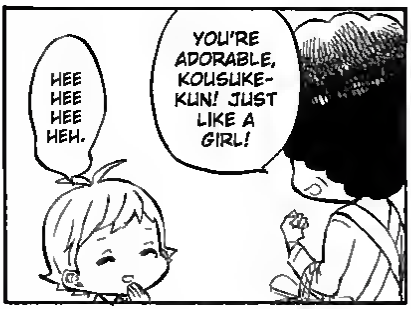
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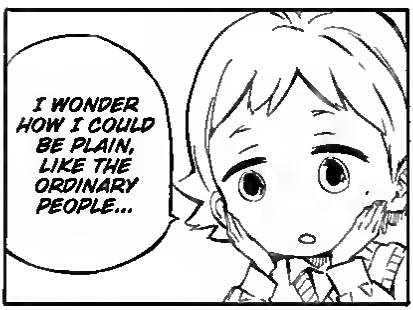
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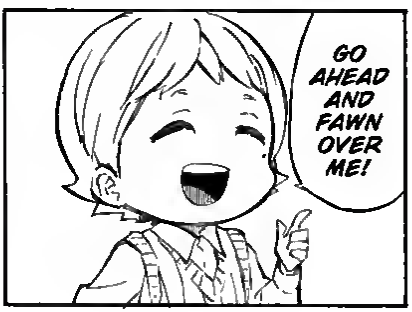
GO AHEAD AND FAWN OVER ME!

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